

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Bounty-Land Claim of George Ford VAS1390  
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[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Elijah Ford did Inlist in my Company in The Third Virginia Rig't. about the Seventh of March seventeen hundred and seventy six & Continued till about the first of Seventy seven & then Died.  
Capt. John Ashby/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Virgi'a Regt



State of Virginia } To wit  
Harrison County }

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year A.D. 1834 before me J N Woodford a justice of the peace of the County aforesaid personally came William Ford [pension application S8506] aged between Seventy five & Eighty years and Henry Ford aged about Seventy or 75 years who being first duly sworn doth on theaer oaths depose and say that they ware well acquainted with Elisha Ford and Barrack Williams of the County of Fauquier & state aforesaid and know that they ware Regular Soldiers in the war of the Revolution and that they ware Regularly Enlisted in the aforesaid County of Fauquier under Capt John Ashby for three years in the year of 1777 deponents further state that the aforesaid soldiers Ford and Williams died in the service after serving two years & that theaer deaths took place within some short time of each other deponants further state that they ware well acquainted with George Ford a Soldier of the Revolution & that he enlisted under Capt West in the year [blank] for the whole term of the war and was killed in the sevice accidently in Alexandria Virginia by John Delap (by shooting). deponents further state that they ware also well acquainted with Henry Williams & that he also enlisted during the war to serve to the end of and was marched into North Carolina and was killed in Battle at General Gates Defeat [defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] deponents further state that said Henry Williams enlisted to serve to the end of the War in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia & further these deponents sayeth not Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year first above written [signatures cut off from online image]

Harrison County }  
State of Virginia } To Wit

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r. in the year A.D. 1834 before me J N Woodford a justice of the peace of the County aforesaid personally came Mary Woodyard aged between Seventy & Seventy eight years as she has no record of her age who being first duly sworn doth on her Oath depose & say that she was personally acquainted with Elisha Ford & Barrack Williams of the County of Fauquier & State aforesaid and knew that they ware regular soldiers in the war of the Revolution and that they Ford & Williams enlisted under Capt John Ashby in the said County of Fauquier for three years & died in the service after serving upwards of two years deponent further states that she saw them swear in deponant further states that George Ford was an Enlisted Soldier in the war of the Revolution & served in the Virginia line deponant further states that further Henry Williams was also an enlisted soldier in the war of the Revolution further this deponant sayeth not Sworn to and subscribed before me this day & year first above written  
Mary herXmark Woodyard

The State of Virginia  
Harrison County to Wit

on this the 26<sup>th</sup> of December in the year AD 1834 Before Me J N Woodford a Justice of the peace in and For the County afore said personally came Elizabeth Yates who Being Duly Sworn doth on Her oath Depose and say that she deponant was well acquainted with a certain Elisha Ford of Fauquire County and State of Virginia and knows that he did Inlist in the Revolutionary War under Captain John Ashbey the deponant States that she has forgotten How Long he the said Ford Inlisted for or how long he served In the War for he Died In Servis She Deponant says at the time of the said Elisha Fords Inlistment she deponant was in her 16th or 17th year of age Further Deponant saith Not

Elizabeth herXmark Yates

State of Virginia }  
Harrison County } To wit

Be it known that on the 24 day of January in the year A.D. 1835 personally appeared before me [F. Burdett J.P.] Henry Warder, William Ford & John C Woodyard Heirs at law of Elisha Ford & Barrack Williams who they believe from the depositions of the witnesses accompanying the memorial was Regular Soldiers of the war of the Revolution & enlisted under Capt. John Ashby in the County of Fauquier & that they are entitled to bounty land and pay from the Commonwealth of Virginia & they believe that there has never been any land drawn or pay for the services of the said Ford and Williams

We also heirs at Law of of George Ford and Henry Williams do believe from the accompanying deposition was Regularly enlisted Soldiers for and during the term of the war of the Revolution and that we believe the said Henry Williams enlisted in Berkley County Virginia and that we believe that we are entitled to bounty land and pay from the Commonwealth of Virginia & we further believe that the above named Soldiers never drew any land nor balance of pay for theair services and we as the heirs of the said Soldiers never have drawn any land or balance of pay that may be dew for the services of the aforesaid Soldiers in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & affixed our seals this day & year first above written William hisXmark Ford [signed] John C woodyard Henry hisXmark Warder

NOTES:

William Ford, Henry Warder, and John C Woodyard appointed their state Senator, Waldo P. Goff, to be their attorney.

On 4 Feb 1833 Jesse Ford (S31035) successfully applied for a federal pension stating that his Captain, John Ashby, always called him Elisha Ford. The circumstances suggest fraud by either Jesse Ford or the supposed heirs of Elisha or Elijah Ford.