

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of Benjamin Ford BLWt1133-450 MD

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State of Maryland } I Henrietta Ford guardian to Robert and Susan Ford children
Saint Marys County } of Charles Allison Ford Deceased do upon oath testify and declare
that to the best of my knowledge and belief Lt Col Benjamin Ford fell in battle or died of wounds
received in battle during the war of the Revolution and that he was a single & unmarried man having one
Brother named Charles Allison Ford father to the first named Charles Allison Ford who is also dead and
that he the said Charles Allison Ford as she believes never during his lifetime received the Bounty land
due him as heir of the said Benjamin Ford neither has his son the first named Charles Allison Ford since
the death of his father Charles Allison Ford received said land or disposed of it to any person as she
verily believes

Therefore Know all men by these presents that I Henrietta Ford guardian as aforesaid for and in
behalf of my said wards Robert and Susan Ford do hereby constitute and appoint Col Joseph Watson of
Washington City my true and lawfull attorney for me and in the name of my wards aforesaid to demand
and receive from the Secretary of war of the United States a warrant for the bounty land to which they
are entitled as heirs at law to Lt Col Benja Ford Deceased and my said Attorney is hereby fully
authorized to substitute as attorneys under him for the special purposed therein named. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh of July 1825

Henrietta herXmark Ford

Washington City

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said City General Philip Stewart
[sic: Philip Stuart, pension application S20989] who being duly sworn says that he was Lieutenant in Col
Washingtons Regiment of Cavalry [William Washington's 3rd Regiment of Light Dragoons] during the
war of the Revolution that he was well and intimately acquainted with Lt Col Benjamin Ford of one of
the Maryland Regiments of the Continental Army who he says at the Second Battle of Cambden during
the year 1781 [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] the said Col Ford received a
wound from which he lost his right arm that he the said deponent saw the said Col Ford while at
Charlotte a verry few days after said Battle and three days before he died of a Mortification from said
wound he did not see said Ford after his death but it was a thing publick notoriety that he died at said
time and place and furthur he saith not
July 27th 1825

Israel Little JP

Claim of the heirs of Lieut. Colo. Ford of the Revolutionary War, who is said to have been slain at the
battle of Campden in 1781.

The records in this Office, do not exhibit his name – but it is said that a certificate of his having
been on Continental Establishment can be obtained from the Aud'r. Gen'l. of Maryland. and Gen'l Philip
Stuart of this place certifies that he was in the same engagement and that Colo. Ford rec'd. a wound in
the right arm which mortified and caused his death in a few days. The law of the 16th Sept. 1776 which
authorized the grant of land says and to the “representatives of such as shall be slain by the Enemy.”
Gen'l. Lee, in his memoirs of the Southern War [Henry Lee, *Memoirs of the War of the Southern
Department of the United States*] states that Colo. Ford was killed in battle and I am told that the same
notice of him is made in Marshalls life of Washington [John Marshall, *The Life of George Washington*.].
Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War for his decision. By his Obt. Servt. Wm. M. Stewart clk
Bounty Land Office Sept. 19th 1825.

I Certify that it appears by the Muster Rolls, Remaining in my office, That Benjamin Ford was appointed Major in the 6th Maryland Regiment on the 20th of February 1777 and promoted to the Rank of Lieut. Colo. the 17th April 1777.

Thos. Karney Aud'r.

NOTE: A document dated 3 March 1818 states that Henrietta Ford was also guardian of John Edward Ford. On 11 July 1825 it was certified that Charles Allison Ford had two sons, Charles Allison Ford, Jr. and Benjamin Ford, all three of whom were dead, and that the two sons left widows and children. A document dated 9 Sep 1825 listed the heirs of Benjamin Ford as follows: Benjamin Ford, Allanson H. Ford, Carrie Ford, Penelope Ford, John Edward Ford, Robert Ford, Susan Ford, Josias Beale Ford, and Elizabeth Marshall.