

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Burgess [Burgess, Burgis] Ball BLWt252-500 f4VA
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Va. Ball, Burgess B.L.Wt.252-500—Lt. Col. Commandant
Issued May 28, 1789
No paper

[fn p. 4: from typed letter dated 9/29/1938 in response to an inquiry regarding this veteran's service, the relevant provisions of which are as follows:

The records of this office show that Warrant #252 for 500 acres of bounty land was issued May 28, 1789, on account of service of Burgess Ball, Colonel of the Virginia Line, War of the Revolution.

There are no statements on file made by the applicant for this bounty land because of the destruction of papers in such early applications for bounty land when the War Office was burned in 1800, hence, [there is] no further data in regard to this officer.

[The Virginia State Library has on record posted at http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=Revolution&type=rw&reel=1&start=939&end=940 the following

On reference to the record of military Certificates in this Office I find that on the 20th of June 1783 a Warrant No. 905 for 7,777 2/3 acres, issued to Burgess Ball for his services as a Lieutenant Colonel Commandant from 16th of February 1776 to May 1783. –
Land Officer S/ Edwd ???
13th Decemr 1809

Colonel Burgess Ball served until the end of the war, which has been fixed by Congress to be the 15th of November 1783.

Given under my hand this 15th of December 1809

S/ James Wood, formerly
Brigadier General Continental Army

On reference to the record of military Certificates
in this Office I find that on the 26th June 1783
a warrant No. 905 for 7,777 ²/₃ acres, issued to
Burgess Ball for his Services, as a Lieutenant
Colonel Commandant ~~of the~~ ~~Army~~, from the
10th Feb'y 1776 to May 1783. —

Land Office
18th Decemr 1809

Edw. H. Smith

Colonel Burgess Ball served until the end of the
war, which has been fixed by Congress to the 15th November
1783. Given under my hand this 15th December
1809.

James Wood, formerly
Brig. Genl. Army

Also:

This may Certify that Burgess Ball Lt. Col. Comdt.
[illegible] Virginia Line on Continental Establishment entered the Army as a Captain in ye 5th V.
Regt. the 10th of Feb'y 1776 and that he has continued in the Army without Int[ermission]
[illegible]

Given under my hand this 16th day of June ??/

S/ G. Weedon, ??? [George Weedon, Brigadier General]

This may Certify that Burgess Ball Lt. Col. Comdt.
of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment
entered the Army as a Capt. in ye 5th V. Regt. on
the 10th of Feb'y 1776, and that he has continued
in the Army without Int[ermission]
Given under my hand
this 16th day of June
G. Weedon

[Note: C. Leon Harris has found an example of this veteran signing his name "Burgess Ball". As noted above, General George Weedon referred to him as Burgess Ball.]