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Pension application of William Ward R11124

Ledia (Lydia, Lidia)

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: On this 4th day of January 1845, personally appeared before us William Harriss & Hiram Ward two of the Acting Magistrates in and for the County of aforesaid Ledia Ward a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who being first sworn in due form of law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836, that she is ninety-one years of age, that she is the widow of William Ward Deceased of the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina who was a Private Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and as such he served the United States in the following manner:

First he was drafted in Chatham County North Carolina for a 3 months tour & joined the Army & served under Captain Headrick and Colonel Lopp and served on the Fayetteville and Wilmington route from thence he was marched along the South Carolina line & after having served the United States at least 3 months was discharge from the Army & returned home from that tour of service.

The next Tour of service of the aforesaid William Ward was again drafted to serve a three months tour under Captain Hadley. And to go on the southern route by way of Pedee [River], the four hole Springs and Charlestown: that her husband the aforesaid William Ward joined the Army under the said Captain Hadley and was marched off and after having been absent from home at least eight months in the Army he returned home from that Tour of service having had one of his legs broken, which he received in the Army and from which wound he the aforesaid William Ward remained a lame person up to the day of his death -- And that the aforesaid William Ward departed this life in the year 1818 in the County of Rowan, now Davidson, North Carolina -- that and that the said Ledia Ward, first Ledia Chambleth, was married to William Ward in the year 1774 -- And that she has remained a widow ever since the time of his death, as will more fully appear by reference to proof hereunto annexed. Sworn & Subscribed the day & year above written before us.

S/ Wm Harriss, JP

S/ Ledia Ward, X her mark

S/ H. Ward, JP

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: On this 26th day of July 1845 personally appeared

heard her husband the aforesaid William Ward say that he was in the Army as aforesaid in company with & to the best of her knowledge & believe he did serve a part of his tour under a Captain Hadley; the other officers that her husband, [indecipherable word or words] -- that she recollects of often hearing her husband as aforesaid after he returned home from this tour of service relate that he suffered intolerable with sickness & with his broken leg during the time the Army he served with, were stationed at the large Springs near to Charleston South Carolina & of many deaths that occurred in the Army while remaining at that place, and that after having served in the Army as before named at least 5 months, returned home bringing with him his discharge; or parole which papers has been lost or destroyed about the time of, or since his death -- And that she was married to her husband the aforesaid William Ward in the year 1774, & that her husband William Ward as, aforesaid was married to her in the County of Chatham North Carolina; and that he died in the year 1818 in the County of Rowan, now Davidson, State of North Carolina and that she the aforesaid Ledia Ward has remained his widow up to the present time which will more fully appear by reference to proves hereafter rendered, sworn & subscribed on the day & year above written before us.

S/ Ledia Ward, X her mark

S/ Ja Goss, JP
S/ J. Spence, JP

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State of North Carolina Moore County: On this 15th day of March 1847 Personally appeared before me, John Patterson one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Monk,² a resident of the County aforesaid & a United States Pensioner & after being first sworn in due form of law, doth on his oath make the following statements. That in the days of the Revolutionary war, he was well acquainted with William Ward, late deceased of Davidson County North Carolina whose widow Lydia, is now applying for a pension due her, on account of the Revolutionary service of her husband William Ward deceased as aforesaid. That this deponent joined the Army in the time of the Revolutionary war, at Warrenton in Warren County North Carolina, & was in the Continental line, & was well acquainted with the aforesaid William Ward when this deponent served on this tour of service, That this deponent also recollects, that William Ward served on this tour of service in the Militia of the North Carolina line, & this deponent further states, the officers who commanded the Continentals that served on the aforesaid tour, was, Captains Carter, Decoats [sic, Bacot], Sharp, Hadley and Lytle, the Captains of the militia were, Yarborough, Moore & Lopp & Major Blount, Colonel Lytle & General Green [sic Nathanael Greene] commanded the Troops, & between Salisbury & the Catawba River, near to Charlotte Mecklenburg County, General Greene ordered that certain portion of the aforesaid Army should go west against the Cherokee Nation of Indians, which order was obeyed, & the Army was divided, a portion started to the Indian Nation, the balance marched on under the command of General Greene, through South Carolina & on to Charleston, & that this deponent was in that route & served in company with the aforesaid William Ward on this tour of service at least 6 months & that after the Army was divided as above stated, this deponent distinctly recollects, that the aforesaid William Ward with others of the militia, who desired & was permitted, to go with General Greene, when starting from Charlotte as above named, did serve under Captain Hadley -- there being no militia Captain with General Greene at that time, neither was there any such until the Army reached Charleston, & that William Ward continued with the

² [James Munk \(Monk\) S41905](#)

Army, until they were marched out to Ashley Hill, & near to that place he got one of his legs
broke by, & with, the wheel of a cart.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written before me

S/ John Patterson, JP

S/ James Monk, X his mark