

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ballard R464
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State of Mississippi Simpson County SS

On this 1st day of September A.D. 1852 Before me the undersigned an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State personally appeared Sylvania Williams aged Seventy years a resident of Simpson County in said State of Mississippi who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the only Surviving daughter of John Ballard who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War under command of General Washington. She further states that said John Ballard deceased, has no other son or daughter or wife now living, save the said Sylvania Williams, and that she is informed and believes that the said John Ballard served in said War for the term of five years prior to the 30th of November 1782, that she believes there is no documentary evidence by which she can establish his Service or ascertain the name of his Captain or other Officers, that he entered the service as aforesaid in the County of Montgomery in the State of North Carolina, that he was honorably discharged, and that the said John Ballard died, in the said County of Montgomery in the said State of North Carolina about eighteen years prior to the present period of time (1852). She further states that she is informed and believes the said John Ballard has not received either bounty land or pension. She states that this declaration is made to obtain the Amount of pension due the said John Ballard up to the period of his death, also the Bounty land to which he may have been entitled to for the Service herein set forth. She states that she claims as the lawful heir of John Ballard. And that she is the lawful heir of said John Ballard. She hereby revokes any Application previously made for bounty land or pension or that may have been heretofore presented in her name at the Department. And she does by these presents irrevocably constitute and appoint Terence McGowan of Brandon [could be Branston] Mississippi her true and lawful Attorney, with power of substitution to prosecute the within mentioned claims, And to receive 4 the benefit of this deponent, upon this, or Supplementary Applications, the Pension and bounty land to which she as the lawful heir as aforesaid of the said John Ballard may be entitled to receive.

S/ Sylvania Williams, X her mark