

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ward S16284
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State of Indiana Weakley County

On this 23 day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Ripley Circuit Court now sitting John Ward Senior aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States in November and year 1777, and served under the following named officers to wit General Rudderford [sic, Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Bernard [sic, Alexander Brevard?], (Major's name not recollected), Captain Henry Smith (Lieutenant & Ensign not recollected), that he left the service in April 1778. That he served the first tour of five months under the above named officers as a volunteer in the militia of North Carolina and that he also entered the service again in the year 1778 and served three months as a substitute for his Brother that he left the service in the month of ___ in the year 1778. That when he served the three months tour (as a substitute for his Brother) he was under the command of the following named officers (to wit) General Rutherford, Colonel Isaacs, (Major's name not recollected) Captain Bostick, Lieutenant Umphries. That he resided at the time he entered the service in Surry County in North Carolina. That he was during his first tour of service in Battle of Ashe's (or Nashes) defeat¹ in the State of Georgia at a place called Brier Creek, & that he was also in the Battle of Camden² in South Carolina. That he marched from Surry County NC to Salisbury from thence to Camden South Carolina from thence to the Santee swamps, from thence to Pleuensburgh [sic, Purrysburg] on the Savannah River that there he served a short time as a volunteer in the light infantry commanded by Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and Major Nelson [probably John Nelson] to regular officers. That he was acquainted with General Lincoln [a regular officer), that he received a discharge from one Colonel Alexander (a militia officer) and that the same was in

¹ The Battle of Brier Creek, March 3, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

² There were two engagements near Camden SC, one on August 15-16, 1780 in which the forces under the command of Horatio Gates were defeated by the British forces under Lord Cornwallis; and the other known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill on April 25, 1781 between the American forces led by Major General Nathanael Greene and British forces led by Lord Rawdon. Given the officers under whom this veteran says he served, my guess would be that he was in the first battle near Camden under Horatio Gates. It is no dad Griffith Rutherford was taken prisoner at that engagement.

his waistcoat pocket and that he made in washing his waistcoat, destroyed the same. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Ward, X his mark

[William Lacock, a clergyman, and Jesse Murkland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 8 months service in the North Carolina militia.]