

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen Ball S17834

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State of Virginia county of Essex S.S.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This day appeared in open court before Henry W Latane Warren Lewis, Thomas Wright Jr and Arthur Temple the Court now setting Stephen Ball a resident of the aforesaid County of Essex and State of Virginia, aged Eighty four Years and made oath in due form of Law to the following Declaration 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 hereinafter stated.

He received orders from Capt Tompkins and marched from [illegible word] Ford to Holts[?] Ferry where he drew his arms, and from thence he marched to Williamsburg under Capt William Dew[?] some time in the year 1779, the day nor month not recollected at which place he remained in garrison four months when he was discharged or relieved. Was called out again in some short time, and marched to Williamsburg under Capt Thomas Martin where he remained, and [several illegible words] three months, and was again discharged and returned home but did not remain at home more than a months or six weeks, when he was again called out and marched to Williamsburg under Capt Henry Lumpkin of King and Queen where he remained a short time and was marched from thence to Gloucester Court House where he remained in Garrison two months, was again discharged or relieved and returned home but was again called out in some short time and marched to Williamsburg under Capt. Tompkins, from thence he was marched to old James Town, and at which two places he remained in service three months and was again discharged but when General Washington came on from the North [14 Sep 1781], he was again called out and marc[hed] to Williamsburg, and from thence to York under Capt Tompkins, and remained in service at these places untill the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], having served in this tour three months. He states that he belonged to the 3rd Va Regiment commanded by Col. Holt Richerson [sic: Holt Richeson], Major James Quarles, and Gen'l. [Thomas] Nelson. He never received any written discharge that he recollects of. He was born in the County of Caroline the 8th of June 1750, and has a record of his age now in his possession.

He is now Eighty four years of age, he was a resident of the County of Caroline when first called into service, was afterwards a resident of the County of King William, and is now a res'd. of the County of Essex. He entered the service as a private in the malitia, and remained as such until the close of the war. He recollects the names of the following named officers who were with him in service, Vizt. Col. Richerson, [Sampson] Mathews, & Nelson.

He does not know of any person now living who can testify to his services

He hereby relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension list roll of the agency of any state. Given under his hand this 17th day of March 1834

[signed] Stephen Ball