

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hosea Ball S2365

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North Carolina 12.619

Hosea Ball S2365

of Currituck in the State of N. Carolina who was a Priv. & Ensg. in the company commanded by **Captain Jarvis** of the Regt. commanded by **Col. S. Jarvis** in the N. Carolina line for Ensg. 15 months - Priv. 14 months..

Inscribed on the Roll of N. Carolina at the rate of 146 Dollars 66 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 14th day of May '33 and sent [to] **W.B. Shepard**, Elizabeth City, N.C.

Arrears to the 4 th of March 1833	293.32
Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 Sep.	73.16
	\$366.48

{Revolutionary Claim}

{Act June 7, 1832}

Recorded by **R. Newman**, Clerk

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State of North Carolina}

Currituck County }

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before **Caleb Etheridge, John B. Jones, William Bray, and Benjamin T. Simmons**, and Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, now sitting **Hosea Ball** a resident of Currituck County and the State of North Carolina, aged seventy five years who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He saith that he volunteered and joined **Captain Nathan Poyners** [*Nathan Poyner's*] company in November 1775 and marched to the Great Bridge in Virginia and joined the army, then under the command of **General Woodford** [*William Woodford of Virginia*] and was under his command at the time of **Fordyces** [Charles Fordyce's] defeat [Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775] and after that engagement returned to Currituck, N.C. & was discharged & now has his discharge dated 12th December 1775. He further says that on the 31st day of August 1776 he enlisted a private soldier in **Captain John Jarvis** company in said County of Currituck and was stationed on the Currituck Banks for one year and four months and was discharged on the 28th of January 1778 by the Captain of the

Company, and yet has his discharge ready to produce when and where directed.

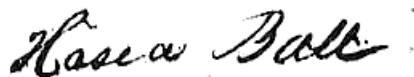
The company was raised and stationed on the Banks pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of N. Carolina for guarding the Coast of the state.

He further states that about the last of December 1779 he was drafted in said County as Ensign in **Captain Thomas Poyner's** to go to Charleston as far as Kingston North Carolina where I was ordered back to Currituck to bring on the delinquents and hasten the late draft on to head quarters. After performing this service I marched out with my command under **Colonel Samuel Jarves** [*Samuel Jarvis*] and the men under my command were placed in **Com^r. Alexandria Whitehalls** [*Alexander Whitehall's*] Company and I was made Quarter Master in **Col. Jarves'** Regiment and marched to Pedee River [*Pedee River*] in North Carolina where we heard of **Gates** Defeat [*Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780*], which prevented our going on to join him. We then marched up the County and Joined the Army under command of **General Jethro Sumner** and remained in or near Salisbury & Charlotte in North Carolina untill the time of our draft expired & was then discharged on the Yadkin in Rowan County in the last of October 1780 & returned home for the service he has his commission as Ensign and can prove it by **Lieutenant Jarves**. He further states that he was drafted under the State authorities on the 10th May 1781 and marched in Captain **William Goodmans** [*William Goodman's*] Company to South Carolina and joined the Army under Command of **General Green** [*Nathanael Greene*] at the place where the Town of Columbia now stands and was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [*September 8, 1781*] where **Captain Goodman** was killed. I was then placed under Command of **Captain Benjamin Bailey** untill the time of Service expired and was discharged & has lost his discharge and has no documentary evidence but can prove that he was drafted & left the County with the Company & returned when the Company discharged. This I can prove by Colonel **Thomas Poyner**.

He hereby relinquished all claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day and Year Aforesaid.

(signed) **Hosea Ball**



[Edward Hardy, a clergyman, and Foster Jarvis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Thomas Jarvis maketh oath that he was a Lieutenant under the Command of Captain Alexandria Whitehall [sic] and knows that Hosea Ball who has subscribed and sworn to the above statement did perform the service which he has stated to be within the knowledge of this affiant.

S/ (Thomas Jarvis)¹

BRIEF in the case of **Hosea Ball** County of Currituck in the State of No. Carolina (Act 7th June 1832)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? In Open Court
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled or bodily injured? [*no answer to this question*]
3. How old is he? [*no answer to this question*]
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

¹ [Thomas Jarvis S2649](#)

Period of Service	Duration of Service	Rank	Name of Field Officer
Volunteered in November 1775	1? Year; 1 Month	private	Capt. Nathan Poyner
Enlisted 31 st Aug ^t . 1776; discharged 28 Jany. 1778	1 Year; 6 months	-----	Capt. John Jarvis
drafted about last Dec ^r . 1779; discharged last of Oct ^r . 1780	10 months	Ensign	Capt. Thomas Poyner Col. Samuel Jarves Genl. Alexander Whitehall
drafted under the State authorities May 1781	not stated	private	Capt. Wm. Goodman

5. In what battles was he engaged? Eutaw Springs
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Currituck Co., No. Carolina
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, incidental evidence, or by the rolls? By living witnesses and traditionary evidence.
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication, and if so, in what respect? No

I certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

(signed) **Chas. S. Wilson?**, Examining Clerk
13 Feby 1833

State of North Carolina }
Currituck County } Amended Declaration

I **Hosea Ball** do make the following amendment to my former Declaration to which this annexed, that is to say, I do state that at the time I was drafted by the State authorities on the 10th of May 1781 and marched to South Carolina that I was drafted for one year and served out the whole time and was discharged near Charleston South Carolina by **Colonel Hardy Murfree**.

(signed) **Hosea Ball**

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before **Caleb Etheridge, John B. Jones, Benjamin T. Simmons** and **William Bray**, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County and State on this 7th day of May 1833.

And the said Court do hereby certify that **Thomas Jarvis** and **Thomas Poyner** who has certified to the services mentioned in the former Declaration to which this is an annexed copy are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit.

I **Spence Hall** clerk of the Country Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the above contains a copy of the original proceedings of the said Court in the above amended proceedings in the matter of the application of **Hosea Ball** for a Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this the 7th day of May 1833.
S. Hall, CCC

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State of North Carolina Currituck County: This may Certify that Hosea Ball of Said County Listed [enlisted] in my Company and Served as a Soldier one year and 4 months in the year of 1776 and 1777 and then Discharged from said service as witness my hand this 28th of Janrey [sic] 1778

S/ John Jarvis, Cap.

State of North Carolina } This may Certify that Hosea Ball
Currituck County } of Said County Listed in my Company
and served as a Soldier one
year and four months in the year of 1776 and 1777 and
then Discharged from said service as witness my hand
this 28th of Janrey - 1778
John Jarvis Cap.

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I do certify that Sergeant Hosea Ball of North Carolina Line on the 21st March last Joined the Fatigue for the Quarter Master's Department, in which Line he has continued diligent & Industrious to this Day.

Given at Camden 10th May 1782

S/ Saml. Mathis [Samuel Mathis]

D. Q. M. [Deputy Quarter Master]

I do certify that Serg^t Hof^e Ball of the
N^o. Carolina Line on the 21st March last joined the
Fatigue for the Quarter Masters department, in which
Line he has continued diligent & Industrious to this Day.
Given at Camden 10th May 1782
Saml. Mathis
D. Q. M.

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Sir, You are hereby Commanded to Return back to Currituck to bring up the delinquents of the Draughts [Drafts] and hasten the Late Draft from that County and hasten on to head Quarters as quick as Possible, From your friend

March 20, 1780

S/ Thos. Poyner, Capt.

To Hosea Ball Ensign

Sir, you are hereby commanded to return back
 to Currituck to bring up the Delinquents of the
 Orange and hasten the Late Dragoon from that
 County and hasten on to head Quarters as quick as
 possible, from your friend
 Tho: Payne Capt.

March 20th 1775
 To Hosea Ball Ensign

[p 18: Commission as an Ensign in a Company of Foot in Currituck Regiment of Militia
 STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.]

To Hosea Ball Ensign - Greeting.

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism,
 Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity, do by these Presents constitute
 and appoint you to be Ensign of a Company of Foot
 in the Currituck - - - Regiment of Militia
 under the Command of Col^l James Farver
 You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of
 Ensign - - -
 by exercising and well disciplining the Officers and Soldiers under your
 Command, and by doing and performing all Manner of Things thereunto
 belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Sol-
 diers under your Command to be obedient to your Orders as
 Ensign - - - And you are to observe and follow such
 Orders and Directions, from Time to Time, as you shall receive from
 your superior Officers, according to the Rules and Directions of military
 Discipline, and the Laws of this State.

WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL, Esq; Governour, Captain-General,
 and Commander in Chief, in and over the said State, under his Hand,
 and Seal at Arms, at Kingston the Twentieth
 Day of July Anno Dom: 1775 and in the fourth
 Year of our Independence.

By His Excellency's Com^d

[Handwritten signature and text, including a rectangular stamp]

[p 20] State of North Carolina Currituck County: These may Certify that Hosea Ball Turned out as a Soldier

in the Militia of the County aforesaid and marched under my Command to the Assistance of the Virginians in the Campaign to the Great Bridge and served his time and therefore he stands Clearly Discharged from me. December 12th, 1775

S/ Nathan Joiner, Cap.

State of N^o Carolina (These may Certify) that
Currituck County) Humphrey Ball Turned out as
a Soldier in the Militia of the County aforesaid
and marched under my Command to the
assistance of the Virginians in the Campaign
to the Great Bridge and served his time and
therefor he stands Clearly Discharged ^{from} me
Decem^r 12th 1775
Nathan Poyner, Cap.
D. File 2365

[p 22: illegibly faint document that appears to be an order dated February 1782 directing that certain sentinels be placed at the Quarter Master's]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$146.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as an Ensign for 10 months & as a private for 14 months in the North Carolina service.]

[Note: Beginning at page 25, this file appears to have incorporated in it documents relating to the claims of Humphrey Ball S39176 of the Connecticut Continental line.]