

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Ward S32047

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Georgia, Oglethorpe County: Inferior Court Sitting for Ordinary Purposes September Term, 1832

On this the third day of September, eighteen hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open Court before Judges Banks, Coxe, Pope & Hutchinson of the Court of Ordinary of said County now sitting Samuel Ward, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 79 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed 7th June 1832--that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was drafted from the Virginia Militia--drew, he recollects No. 10—sometime previous to the time of being called out. Was ordered in consequence of said draft & did rendezvous at Hillsboro, North Carolina on 25th Oct 1780--thither he marched under the command of William Collier, Capt.--he soon left--Deponent was placed then under command of Ensign _____ Ferguson-- field officers were Genl. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Col John Glein [John Glenn], Major Morris. Was marched from thence to Pedee [River] & stationed at Hicks Creek, -- thence on a retreat through Salisbury--Charlotte Town Guilford Court House--were fired on by the enemy in crossing the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] & discharged at Pittsylvania old Court House on 25th Febr'y 1781.

Deponent then returned to Lunenburg County, Virginia where he resided when first drafted. In the fall of 1781, it again became the duty of Deponent to render service under the same draw No. 10--and was called upon and marched from Lunenburg County, Virginia to Little York under the command of Capt. _____ Broadnax [Edward Broadnax], he thinks Sterling Niblet as Lieutenant, & remained at York until its Capture by Genl. Washington, in all this deponent is most religiously confident, making a period of more--and certainly not less than two months tho' the precise dates his memory cannot now supply him with. His discharge for the first four months service under Col. Glenn he has lost. He received none at York.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Ward



We, Benjⁿ. Blanton, a clergyman residing in the County and State aforesaid, and John Beasley, residing in the same place, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Samuel Ward, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 79 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lives to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Maj. Jno. Beasley further certifies that Samuel Ward, the applicant, lived as overseer for his Father—when he first was called upon & entered the service. That he served the first

tour stated by him within his knowledge, & he understood then, and has no doubt of the fact that he served the two months stated to have terminated at York. Sworn to & subscribed the day and hear aforesaid.

S/ Benj Blanton M P.

S/ John Beasley

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Personally came into Open Court the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid being now and Session, Samuel Ward, and being duly sworn deposed & saith, that he has no documentary evidence of the Services he rendered and the Revolutionary War, as detailed by him under Oath before the Court of Ordinary of said County at its September Term of 1832, and that there are now no witnesses living within this Deponent's knowledge, by whom he could establish the last tour of Service set forth in the Statement referred to. There were many persons living in Virginia at the time Deponent left that State, by whom said service might have been proved. But whether now living – or where removed to it is unknown to Deponent. Major John Beasley by whom the first tour is established to have been performed, was privy to it from the fact that at that time Deponent lived with Major Beasley's Father. But when Deponent was called on to perform the last tour, he had left the employment of Major Beasley's Father. And as stated he is wholly ignorant of any living witness by whom he could establish the same.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ John Landum, Clk

S/ Samuel Ward

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]