

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ward S32579
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State of Alabama Bibb County: On this 3 day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before Thomas Crawford Judge of the County Court of Bibb County and State aforesaid John Ward a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy-seven [?] 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: Stated that in his 19th year he was drafted in the County of Duplin & State of North Carolina that he entered the service under the command of Captain Alexander Outlaw, that said company was under the command of Colonel Kennon [sic, James Kenan] and Major Dickson: the applicant states that his company marched from just below Fayetteville (then Cross Creek), down on the South side of Cape Fear River about 30 miles to what was called Mooris creek [sic, Moore's Creek] that the Regiment to which applicant then belonged joined Colonel Caswell's [Richard Caswell] Regiment of mounted men: that the two regiments then at Moore's Creek had an engagement¹ with the Tories in which battle they proved successful & defeated the Tories with the loss of one man only, that a considerable number of the Tories were killed & wounded: that the Tories commander Major McCloud [sic, Donald McLeod or MacLeod] was killed in the engagement: that the Army to which applicant then belonged then marched into Duplin County & from thence to Wilmington where the Army remained stationed for some time, from which place applicant states, he marched to a little town called Brunswick, where he remained for some time and then marched back to Wilmington where applicant was discharged without receiving any written discharge, a two months tour, that applicant then lived in Duplin County & State of North Carolina. Applicant states he then moved from North Carolina to South Carolina to Edgefield District: applicant states that he there entered the service as a volunteer under the command of Captain Burney & was attached to Colonel Hammond's Regiment which Regiment was afterwards under the command of General Lincoln: applicant states he served under Captain Burney a three months tour. Applicant states that during his tour under Captain Burney he was in the battle at Savannah² in which the British proved victorious, of the number killed & wounded on each side applicant cannot state. Applicant states he was also in the battle at Stow-ow [sic,

¹ February 27, 1776, the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>

² Veteran is probably referring to the unsuccessful attempt the Americans made under General Lincoln to retake Savannah in October 1779.

Stono Ferry³] in which battle the American forces proved victorious -- the number of killed & wounded of each applicant states he does not recollect. Applicant states that the American Army at the battle of Savannah & also at Stone ow was commanded as well as applicant now recollects by General Lincoln. Applicant states he has often engaged in scouting through the country in order to suppress the Tories, under other & different officers than those already named, at one time under a Captain Taylor, at another time under Captain Tobler & another under Captain Murry [Murray], also under Captain [several words interlined too faint to read] the particular length of time of each tour he cannot recollect in consequence of old age & loss of memory but believes he served in all for four years. Applicant states that at one time he marched from South Carolina to Georgia and that in the Savannah River his company had a skirmish with the Tories in the night in which skirmish he lost the sight of one of his eyes in which skirmish the Tories proved successful and the Whigs were compelled to retreat with the loss of one man killed & 2 wounded: applicant states he then marched up the Savannah River and was engaged in several skirmishes, and was generally commanded by Colonel Hammon [Hammond] applicant would also state that at one time he served a tour of 3 months as a volunteer in the horse under the command of a Captain John Lamar [could by Laman] and was during said tour generally engaged in scouting through the country in order to suppress the British and Tories, but during said tour was on no particular engagement & applicant states he never at any time received a written discharge for any term of service. Applicant would further state that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service & that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services in this country. Applicant states he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or territory etc.

S/ John Ward, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed or me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Williams Caddell, Clerk

[Bagwell L. Defrase, a clergyman, William B. Norris & Hugh Henry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers of John Ward

1. I was born on deep River in the State of North Carolina on the 25 day of March 1756.
2. I have the record of my age written in a pocket-book which I transcribed from my father's Bible.
3. I was living in Duplin County in the State of North Carolina when called into service where I continued to live for several years, from thence I moved to South Carolina where I continued until after peace was made & for many years after until I moved to Bibb County Alabama about 13 years since where I still live --
4. I was first drafted & afterwards I volunteered
5. I first served under Captain Alexander Outlaw, Colonel Kennon & Colonel Caswell, Captain Taylor, Captain Tobler, Captain Murry & Captain Lamar & several others whose names I have mentioned in my declaration as also the particular circumstances of my service etc. as far as I can recollect etc.
6. I never received any written discharge.
7. In answer to the 7th interrogatory I would call on David L. Lipscomb & James Wilson [David L. Lipscomb & James Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

³ June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died some time in 1837 exact date not given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service in the North Carolina militia.]