

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Ball S37697

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[p 88 of the Elijah Balkcom file: see note below]

Aaron Ball of the County of Essex, in the Commonwealth of Virginia do hereby declare and make oath according to law before William Brockenbrough, One of the Judges of the General Court, and Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County aforesaid, and which County makes one of the Counties composing the fourth Circuit of the State of Virginia, that he is now about fifty-nine years of age, that he entered the Army of the Revolution as a Soldier in the year 1777 in the Company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Burwell, which Company belonged to the first Regiment of Virginia State Artillery, on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison – that he continued in the same Company and attached to the same Regiment for three years, at which time his term of service expired, and that from his reduced Circumstances, he needs the assistance of his Country for support – this declaration made in conformity to "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States on the revolutionary War" passed by Congress on the 18th day of March in the year 1818 –

At a Superior Court of law begun and held for the County at Rappahannock on the 11th day of May 1818 –

Aaron Ball appeared in Court and made oath to the truth of his written Affidavit and produced also the affidavit of Captain Thomas Dix and the certificate of Wm Scheckles [?] and Geo. W. Lee – whereupon it is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War, that the judge of this Court is satisfied that the said Aaron Ball served in the Revolutionary War against the common Enemy, and that he is poor, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and it is ordered that the Clerk of this Court to transmit the said Affidavits and certificates to the said Secretary of War.

A Copy

Test

S/ William B Matthews, Clk

This is to Certify that Aron Ball an old Continental Soldier lives as a near Neighbor<sup>1</sup> now and for upwards of twenty years and is still poor what I call slow as he has no one to help him work. He has six Young Children which I considered chargeable. I also think he ought to be on the pension list.

S/ W. Schreckles

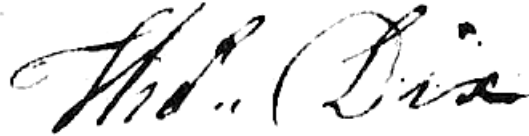
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<sup>1</sup> In Fold3.com version of this file is erroneously filed under Elijah Balkcom's name in the Massachusetts files beginning at image 86.

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I do hereby certify that the early in the year 1777 I a second Lieutenant in the company of Captain Nathaniel Burwell in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison enlisted Aaron Ball to serve in the Army of the United States for the term of three years – And I do further certify that he served faithfully in the said Company & Regiment for the said term of three years – Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818

S/ Thos. Dix [Thomas Dix]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. Dix". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[Attested in Essex County Virginia April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1818]

[HQ p. 5: is a typed letter dated May one, 1834, in response to an inquiry regarding this veteran's service the following relevant paragraphs are contained:

" The date and place of birth of this soldier on not shown in the claim, nor all the names of his parents given.

Aaron Ball enlisted early in 1777, served as a private in Captain Nathaniel Burwell's company, Colonel Charles Harrison's Regiment of artillery, length of service 3 years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed, May 11, 1818, then 59 years and living in Essex County, Virginia. In 1818 his wife and six young children are referred to, their names not stated...."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 11, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]