

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Baldwin S37733

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[29 Nov 1830] For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act entitled, "An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828. I, John Baldwin of Mason county, in the State of Kentucky, aged sixty seven, in October last, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the month of May 1781 in the horse, for and during the war, in the company of Captain Philip Williams, and in the Regiment of Colo. [Anthony Walton] White, of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, and continued in service until its termination, at which period I was a private, and never was attached to any other Regiment that I know of, or any other company.

And I also declare, that I never did receive any certificates for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the fifteenth of May 1778 John hisXmark Baldwin
[Certified by Joshua Davidson (possibly pension applicant S1192) and Edmund Baldwin.]

State of Kentucky Mason County Sct April Term 1834

April 14th 1834 On this day personally appeared in open court before the worshipfull the justices of the Mason county court now sitting John Baldwin a resident of the of the county and state aforesaid aged seventy one years, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed the 7th June 1832 That he entered the service of the united states in the Revolutionary war as a drafted militiaman, some time in agust 1780 under the command of one Capt. Crawley [probably William Crowley], that he does not recollect the number of the Regiment to which he was attached, but thinks it was commanded by one Colonel [William] Boyer; that for about three months after he was drafted as aforesaid in Amelia County Virginia where he lived they continued at Chesterfield Court house (whither they had removed) training and performing military duty and some time in Nov'r. he thinks they marched to Cabin point in Surry county at which place they joined Col. Boyer's Reg't. of Light Infantry as aforesaid and after having remained there a short time they marched down to a point on James River about 18 miles above Portsmouth, where they fixed their head quarters and where they remained until the expiration of the term of 6 months watching the movements of the British who had entered Virginia under Lord Cornwallis [May 1781] and who some time toward the latter end of his term of 6 months as aforesaid fixed their head quarters in Portsmouth. Whilst they remained in Portsmouth and before they went there they were continually committing depredations in detached parties, which made it necessary to send out every night parties from their regiment to patroll the country in which service he the said applicant was engaged every three our four nights That a short time before the expiration of his term of 6 months as aforesaid or before he was discharged he thinks it was about the first of march, Col. Boyer received some information which induced him in concert with General Greene [see endnote] (who had his head quarters about a days march above them) to move down in the night with the entire regiment and the following morning they were conducted by the individual through whom he understood they had received the aforesaid information around the piquet gauard of the enemy in such a manner as to cut off their communication with the main body and in the course of the day they killed and took the whole guard aforesaid amounting to five or six hundred men he thinks [sic: see endnote]. In the mean time Genl. Green had drawn up his whole force about two hundred yards behind them in order of battle expecting that the manouver would lead to a general engagement. That being disappointed in this they all returned to their respective head quarters where shortly after, he was discharged, in a writing signed by Lieut. Cuningham of the company which writing he has lost. That he does not recollect any other officers than those named except Genl. Green who was pointed out to him on the day of the engagement at Portsmouth and a capt Cuningham

