

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ward S42053

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Commonwealth of Virginia Brunswick County

On this 27th day of July 1818 before us, the subscribers, sitting as justices of the County Court of Brunswick, personally appeared before us, William Ward, age sixty-two years resident in said County, in the said State, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said William Ward enlisted in the Continental Army in the State of Georgia in the company commanded by Captain Isaac Hicks, of the 3rd Georgia Continental Battalion and 3rd Regiment: That he continued to serve in said corps, and in the service of the United States, until an imposthume¹ on his leg rendered him unfit for duty, and did not get well until his term of service had expired, and he was discharged from service in the State of Georgia are honorably and regularly, but has lost his discharge. The date of his enlistment is the 13th of September 1776 and of his discharge from service 13 September 1779. That he was in the battles of Altamaha ___and that his reduced circumstances makes him stand in need of assistance from his country for support. And that the evidence of his services is the accompanying certificate of his Captain.

Virginia, Brunswick County

Reuben Hicks made oath that the accompanying certificates of Wm Ward's services in the revolutionary War, or in the handwriting of the late Captain Isaac Hicks.

We James Pritchett, John Tucker, James Powell John Wyche justices of the County Court of Brunswick as aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears to our satisfaction, that the said William Ward did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the pre-season declaration, against the common enemy and that his reduced circumstances in life makes him stand in need of the assistance of his country for support: and we now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before us to the secretary of the Department of war, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress

S/ J. Pritchett

S/ John Tucker

¹ Defined on the Free Dictionary as: "A collection of pus or purulent matter in any part of an animal body; an abscess." <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/Imposthume> (viewed 5/11/10)

S/ J. Powell
S/ John Wyche

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Brunswick County Virginia 29th of September 1795

This is to Certify that Wm Ward of Brunswick County did enlist as a Soldier in my Company to Served three years in the late war and that he served the Greater part of his time as a Good Soldier & that he had an impostion [sic] rise on his thigh which disabled him from doing duty I believe till his three years expired.

S/ Isaac Hicks
Captain 3rd Georgia or Continental
Battalion late War

enlisted 13 September 1776 for three years, time of service expired 13 September 1779 --
Captain Hicks was paid Master to the Regt his accounts are not settled it cannot be ascertained what nominal money was received for William Ward's pay, the probability is that the United States have paid the whole of the nominal pay due to the Soldier, and as his time of service expired before the act passed allowing depreciation he can have no just claim on the United States decides it does not appear on the files of this office that any claim was filed within the time limit by law

S/ Wm Simmons

Acct.

Dept. of War
Accountants office
Dec. 9, 1795

District of Virginia Sct:

On this 25th day of December 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record (made a Court of Record by Act of Assembly) for the County of Brunswick in said District, William Ward age 62 years resident in Brunswick County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, he enlisted in a Company commanded by Captain Isaac Hicks in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel James Screven and was at the battle of St. Mary's, and that he served 3 years: The date of his original Declaration was on the 27th day of July 1818 and the number of his pension certificate is 10 263. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Two chests, half a dozen sitting chairs, one cupboard, two small pots, one small Dutch oven, one skillet, one indifferent pot, one frying pan, one pair flat irons, one coffee mill, half a dozen pewter plates, two pewter dishes, 2 pewter basons, seven cups and saucers, 2 pint bowls, one small earthen dish, one tin bucket, 10 teaspoons, half dozen tablespoons, 3 knives and forks, one coffee pot, one fire hoe, one hatchet, one iron pot rack, one candle stick & snuffers, one candle mould, one sugar dish, one pitcher, 2 tumblers, one small glass, four jugs, one demijohn, 4 bottles, 2 wooden

bowls, one meal tub, 2 pails, 2 washing tubs, 2 noggins, one tin funnel, one pine table, one saddle & bridle, 2 small casks, one meat tub. My family consists of myself and my wife, who has been unable to walk or assist herself in any respect for eight [? years? weeks? months?] & upwards. My occupation is planting but am very infirm.

S/ Wm Ward

[fn p. 8: appears to be some sort of a pay ledger of amounts either paid to or due William Ward but the document is too faint to make out most of the words and I have made no attempt to transcribe it.]

[The veteran pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 27, 1818, for 3 years service in the Georgia line during the revolution.]