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Pension Application of James Ballard S6584

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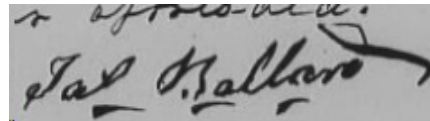
State of Virginia } SS.

County of Spotsylvania }

On this 3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1832, personally appeared before the County Court of Spotsylvania James Ballard, a resident of the County of Spotsylvania and state of Virginia aged sixty nine 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 sometime in November, with Captain Benjamin Roberts [pension application S31343] and served in the regiment commanded by Col. Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett], under the following named officers, Major George Slaughter, Captain Mark Thomas, Lieut. James Slaughter, Lieut. \_\_\_ Saunders. Ensigns [sic: Ensigns] Wm Asher & Robt. Green [William Asher, Robert Green]. General George Rodgers Clark [sic: George Rogers Clark] commander in chief. That he left the service in December 1781, and entered it in the County of Spotsylvania & state of Virginia where he then resided. That he was in an engagement at the Peequa town [sic: Piqua in Ohio territory, 8 Aug 1780] and was attacked by the Indians above fort Jefferson. That he passed through Virginia, part of Maryland, a part of Pennsylvania along the road called Braddock's, thence down the Monongahela river to fort Dequesne [sic: Fort Duquesne, replaced by Fort Pitt in 1758]. From thence down the Ohio to Wheeling and from Wheeling to the falls of the Ohio [at Louisville KY], which was the place of destination. From the falls of the Ohio to fort Jefferson below the mouth of the Ohio, thence up the Missipi to Kuskusky [sic: Kaskaskia] & then down the river to fort Jefferson, then up the Ohio to the falls.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

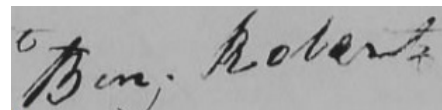


State of Kentucky }

Shelby county sct }

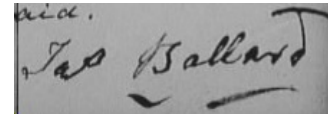
personally appeared before me George Bergen a Justice of the peace for said county Capt Benjamin Roberts of said county who being first duly sworn states that he is in his eighty fifth year and that in the fall of 1779 he enlisted James Ballard of spotsylvania county Virginia and said Ballard acted as a corporal in his company, and that he served faithfully under him the whole of the time for which he enlisted (which was two years) and was honourably discharged at the end of his time of service, and that during his service the said Ballard was with this affiant in an engagement near fort Massac on the Ohio river near the mississippi and that the said Ballard was also with this affiant on a tour to forts Jefferson & Cascaskia near the Mississippi, this affiant further states that he very recently received a letter with the signature of James Ballard of Spotsylvania county Virginia, in which he relates so many circumstances that transpired during the time of service above stated and described them with accuracy and minuteness that this affiant has no doubt but that he is the very identical person that he enlisted at the time and place above stated and further this depontant saith not

[17 May 1834]



Spotsylvania County Court  
State of Virginia County of Spotsylvania S.S.

On this [illegible]<sup>th</sup> day of Mar 1836 personally appeared before the County Court of Spotsylvania James Ballard a resident of the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 sometime in November with Capt. Benjamin Roberts and served in the regiment commanded by Col'n Crockett as corporal. The names of the other officers and his services will fully appear by reference to his declaration bearing date the 3<sup>d</sup> of Sept'r 1832 now of record in the pension Office at Washington City. At the time that he signed that declaration he was aware that he had acted either as corporal or sergeant, but from the lapse of time and having lost his discharge he was unable to recollect in which capacity he had served. Presuming at the same time that the Virginia State rolls would show what station he held, and knowing that he was the only James Ballard that enlisted in the western service [sic: see James Ballard pension application R463]. But from the affidavit of Capt. Benjamin Roberts, with whom he enlisted, and which is in possession of the Department, and from other circumstances brought to his recollection, he is enabled possitively to declare that he served as Corporal. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

A small, rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Jas Ballard" with a flourish underneath. The background is dark and the ink is light.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One online image of the report by Commissioner Smith is undeciphered.]

The Heirs [sic] of James Ballard a Corporal in the Illinois service, beg leave to present to the Executive of Va their claim to Land Bounty, founded on the service of their Ancestor to the End of the War. They refer in support thereof, to the affidavit of John Smothers [W26475], the Auditors Certificate, and the Report Mr. Commissioner Smith No. 4 page 13.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during thee Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of April 1782, in the name of James Ballard as a Corp'l of Infantry for £62.11.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Maj Slaughter [George Slaughter W8729] and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office. Richmond, this 11th day of July 1834.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Kentucky, Morgan County. Sct.

Personally appeared John Smothers before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath, that while serving as a private Soldier in the Illinois Regiment he became & was acquainted with James Ballard a Corporal in said service & that he believes said Ballard served until the end of the War and I do further certify that said Smothers is a credible witness. Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day June 1834.

G. B. Wade JPMC

The Undersigned begs leave respectfully to present to the Executive of Va. the following statement: That on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July last, he as Attorney for Joseph Straton of Logan County Va. presented the claim for Land bounty in the names of the "Heirs" of James Ballard a Corporal in the Illinois service, when in fact it should have been in thee name of "James Ballard" himself, he being now alive, as by a reference to a Power of Attorney executed by him and duly Authenticated, herewith enclosed, will

more fully appear. That the said claim was on the 14<sup>th</sup> Aug't. last, "allowed for the war to the "Heirs" of James Ballard &," as by a reference to the "Advice" now on file in the Registers office will be see. That owing to the discrepancy between the claim as allowed ("to the Heirs") and the Power of Attorney, the Register does not feel justified in issueing the Warrant.

It is therefore respectfully asked that the "Advice" may be altered so as to enable the Register issue the Warrant.

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1834

Very respectfully submitted/ Jno. G. Mosby

NOTE: On 31 Aug 1855 at age 95 James Ballard applied for federal bounty land stating that he had served as a private. The application was witnessed by Belinda Ballard. A document in the file states that James Ballard died on 1 Feb 1856.