

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ward S7815

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South Carolina Granville District: On this ninth Day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting William Ward a resident of Greenville District South Carolina aged eighty 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- enlisted for eighteen months under Captain John Pointer<sup>1</sup> and Colonel Gideon Lamb in the year "seventy nine" or there about served six months and then hired a substitute, was in no engagements -- lived in Pasquotank County North Carolina -- marched through Chowan & Perquimans Counties North Carolina, did not meet and does not recollect any Continental regiments does not recollect the Regiment to which he belonged -- has no paper evidence -- knows of no one who can testify to his service -- [several words written over and obliterated] tour took a man's place, named Ward, served three months, about the time Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] marched through North Carolina, marched into Virginia near Norfolk -- was under General Gregory, Colonel Lamb, Captain Paty<sup>2</sup>.

I do hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State -- was born in the year of "fifty two" has no record of his age -- lived in Pasquotank County North Carolina when he enlisted and also when he took Ward's place, has lived on Tar River, Neuse River, Pedee River North Carolina and in Greenville South Carolina where he now lives -- did receive a discharge but has lost it -- George Russell -- Colonel Hodges and others living in his present neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity and good behavior etc.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Ward, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, & William Blasingame gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the District of Greenville William Ward, who being duly sworn, deposeth and

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as "Painter."

<sup>2</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as "Paley."

saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise periods of his service nor as to the precise length of his services, but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades -- For 6 months he served as a private under Captain John Pointer in the year 1779 -- For 3 months he served as a private under Captain Paley in the year 1781 -- and for such service of 9 months he claims a Pension --

The first tour he was drafted or "balloted N." and did not enlist as is improperly stated in his declaration, through some mistake or misapprehension of the person who drew the same. The 2nd tour he substituted himself as stated in his declaration -- He knows of no one whose testimony he can procure as to his services --

Sworn to and subscribed this July 27 -- 1833 --

S/ William Ward, X his mark

S/ Richard Thurston, JQ

South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Greenville William Ward who being duly sworn makes oath that in consequence of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state as positively as he otherwise might, all the circumstances of his revolutionary services. The nature of his service and the places at which they were performed -- But to the best of his recollection the following is a correct statement of the same as far as his memory serves him -- This deponent was living in Pasquotank County North Carolina when the troops, to which he belonged, were called upon to march to the North. They assembled at Nixington [sic, Nixonton], in Pasquotank County, under the command of Captain Painter, and marched from thence to Winton on Chowan River. The troops remained some time in Nixonton for the purpose of getting those who had runaway, or who neglected to attend the rendezvous. From Winton the troops marched towards Roanoke River. This deponent left home in the spring of the year, in March he thinks and returned in September. After having been with the troop under the command of Colonel Lamb six months he hired a substitute, gave him \$60 -- a horse and something else to serve out the remainder of the eighteen months -- He does not know what became of the troops or where they went -- a great many of the company to which he belonged enlisted during the war before he left the company & by that means got a furlough to go home and remained there until called upon. This deponent instead of enlisting hired a man as he above stated to take his place.

The second tour he served 3 months under Captain Paley -- took a man's place as stated in his declaration -- the troops were drafted for three months marched into Virginia on the North West River above Norfolk and was stationed there to guard the River -- Norfolk & Portsmouth were then in possession of the British -- the troops were under the command of general Gregory - - but before the deponent's time of service expired the British drove the American troops from their station, took possession of their Fort, and burnt the houses, and then retreated to their shipping --. At the expiration of his tour of service he was discharged by Colonel Gideon Lamb. Sworn to and subscribed this November 21, 1833

S/ John Chittenden, JP

S/ William Ward, X his mark

[fn p. 6: on March 28, 1857, Erbin or Erwin Ward, filed a document in Greenville counties South Carolina stating that he is the son of William Ward, who was a revolutionary war pensioner; I this document he appoints George C. Ames of Washington City his attorney.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 16, 1839 leaving children, a son Erbin or Ervin is the only names given, and the name of the soldier's wife is not stated.]

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