

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Ward S7818

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State of Ohio Darke County: SS Court of Common Pleas for said County November Term 1833

On this 19th day of November A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting David Ward a resident of Wayne Township in the County of Darke and State of Ohio aged seventy-two years old 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. That he volunteered in the company Commanded by James Parsons who was Captain and Robert Cunningham Lieutenant Adam Fisher Ensign of said Company. The time he volunteered he thinks was in the spring of A. D. 1777 and he volunteered for the term of six months. They marched from Hampshire County in the State of Virginia and where this applicant was born and lived at the time of his said enlistment to Pittsburgh and Wheeling at which places they were stationed at different times as frontier posts and they were stationed there and at other places to guard and protect the Frontier settlements against the Indians. That he enlisted at said time in the service of the United States and the War of the Revolution. That there company with in which said applicant was in as aforesaid was marched at different places for to protect the frontier settlements against the Indians and he served the length of time he enlisted for to wit 6 months – before he was discharged. That he had a written discharge from his company but lost it long ago. That he was born as near as he can recollect in the year A.D. 1761 – in the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia – but that he has no record of his age. That he cannot recollect the officers' names above his Captain in the Regiment to which he belonged. That after he was discharged from service in the Revolutionary War – he knows no one who can prove his service – and has no documentary evidence to prove it – That he has no record of his age – that since service he has lived in Virginia – Illinois & Ohio and hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Ward, X his mark

State of Ohio Darke County: SS: Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace for said County David Ward the above named applicant for a Pension who being duly sworn deposeth and saith. That he was out in all of Harrison's Campaign – and a soldier in General Harrison's Army and that shortly after his dismissal from said service in said Company he became subject to fits and which has continued to afflict him at times ever since and which deponent thinks was caused by the severities he suffered and was subject to in said

campaign and deponent saith that by reason of which and old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but that he enlisted for the term of 6 months and according to the best of his recollection he served not less than six months and perhaps longer – and for such service he claims a pension.

S/ John Been, JP

S/ David Ward, X his mark

and deponent further saith that he cannot name the officers under whom he served other than the ones he has before named and further more saith not.

S/ David Ward, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed to this 19th day of November 1833

S/ John Bens, Clerk

[John Wintermate, a clergyman, and David Ward, nephew of the applicant, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]