

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Ward S 7819

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State of North Carolina Bertie County: SS: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 15th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County of Bertie now sitting, James Ward, a resident of a place called White Oak in the said County of Bertie NC aged seventy 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: namely: That he entered said service under Captain Thomas Pugh and William Davis, Lieutenant, Company officers, and Colonel John Pugh Williams, a field officer: that he entered said service in the month of April in the year 1779, that he left said service in the fall or latter part of the summer of the same year, having served the full term for which he entered said service. He states that he was born in Bertie County and resided there when he entered the said service and that he was drafted for three months. He states that he was in the Battle fought at Briar Creek in the State of Georgia and that he was then under the Command of the aforesaid Colonel John Pugh Williams that General Ashe [John Ashe] was chief in Command at that battle. That his Captain at that battle was one John Wolfenden who was taken a prisoner by the British; his first Captain; the afore named Thomas Pugh, having left the service. He states that he marched from Windsor in the aforesaid County of Bertie by the way of Wilmington North Carolina and then through South Carolina to Augusta in Georgia and from Augusta to Briar Creek where they battle was fought. He states that he has no recollection of the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served or of having served with any Continental regiments or Continental companies which he can describe in this first tour of duty and that he served the whole term for which he was drafted; and that he was discharged by Lieutenant William Davis before named by the order of his Colonel John Pugh Williams, and that he returned to Bertie County is place of residence, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

The said James Ward further states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated for another term of three months and under another engagement.

He states that for his last term of service he was drafted for the term of three months in Bertie County where he resided -- that he entered the service in this second tour under Captain John Folk -- one, Dempsey Cook was Lieutenant in the company commanded by said Captain Folk, General Gregory & Colonel Dozier were the field officers under whom he served. He states that he entered this term of service in, or about, the month of April in the year 1781 and that he continued in said service until about the last of August or first of September in that year, having served the full term for which he was drafted -- that he was discharged -- that he was in no battle in this last tour of service. That he was marched from Bertie County, his place of residence & where he entered the service, to Winton in the said State of North Carolina, and thence to a place called North West Bridge in Virginia where he was stationed at his march and whilst at that place, which was called Headquarters, he was in the company commanded by said Captain Folk -- He states that he knew General Gregory & Colonel Dozier before named, who was in command at that place -- that he returned to the said County of Bertie after receiving his discharge and has resided in said County ever since. He further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person except John Lednum,¹ who served in the same company with him, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his term of service.

The said James Ward 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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ E. A. Rhodes, Clk

S/ James Ward, X his mark

I, John Lednum, residing in the County of Bertie North Carolina hereby certify that I am well acquainted with James Ward who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and I believe him to be fully seventy years of age -- I further certify that I know him to have been a soldier of the revolution for that I served as a soldier and in the same company with him for three months in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia as he has stated in the above declaration.

S/ John Lednum, X his mark

[Medy White and Gervis Tadlock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Bertie County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

James Ward the declarant personally appeared in open Court and being first duly sworn according to law answered the following interrogatories as herein stated

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Bertie County NC and as well as I can remember in the year 1763 --

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: -- I have not. I never saw one nor do I know that my parents ever kept a family record. They both died when I was a boy.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in Bertie County NC when called into service, I have lived in said County ever since the revolutionary war & now live in said County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

¹ [John Lednum S7142](#)

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: In my tour of service to the South as stated in my declaration I was under the command of Captain Thomas Pugh for a short period afterwards under Captain John Wolfenden, William Davis was my Lieutenant, Colonel John Pugh Williams & General Ashe were with the troops where I served. I was in the engagement at Briar Creek.

In my tour of service in Virginia as stated in my declaration I was under the command of Captain John Folk -- Colonel Dozier & General Gregory were with the troops where I served --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did -- but I have lost it. General Gregory I think sent it to me by one of his aides. I served 3 months at the South and 3 months in Virginia.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: I am known to all my neighbors, among them are Medy White, and Gervis Tadlock, Jonathan Skiles, William tender and others all of whom I think was weak well of me, and cannot believe that anyone of my neighbors will say anything against me.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court 15 May 1833

S/ E. A. Rhodes, Clk

S/ James Ward, X his mark

[James Ross and Henry White, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 46 months service in the North Carolina militia as a private]