

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ward W1960

Nancy

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State of Virginia, Louisa County: to wit

On the 14th day of January 1833, personally appeared in open court before the court of the County of Louisa now sitting, John Ward a resident of said County and State, aged seventy-three 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.

He was born in the County of Louisa on the 9th Day of January 1760.

He has a register of his age in a Bible now in his possession. That he was living in Louisa County when called into service, and has lived there all his life. That he never received a written discharge at the end of any tour of duty. That he entered the service of the United States as a common soldier in the ranks and never served in any station higher than that. In guarding Burgoyne's Army made prisoners at Saratoga in the year 1777 he served his first tour of duty of two months and 1780 under Captain Richard Pollet or Paulet and Colonel Taylor, at Albemarle Barracks, as a substitute for John Watson of Louisa. He served his second tour of two months commencing in January 1781 at Richmond, Cabin Point, Smithfield, Westover &c his officers were Captain Richard Phillips and Colonel Thomas Mathews. He was called into service to repel Arnold's invasion of Virginia.

He served his third tour of two months beginning April 1781 at Richmond when the Manchester warehouses were burnt by the British, his officers were Captain James Watson and Colonel Thomas Matthews and General Lafayette. He served a fourth tour of two months in 1781 under Captain William Harris of Louisa, Colonel Harrison of the Artillery and General Thomas Nelson, at Malvern Hills Four Mile Creek and Richmond. He served a fifth tour of three months before and at the siege of Yorktown, his officers were Captain Henry Johnson, Colonel Mercer and General Weedon. He never was in any engagement. That he can prove his services by Thomas Badget,¹ John Kersey² and Nathaniel Snelson.³ That in reference to his character &c he refers to Timothy T Swift and William Nelson – his neighbors. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present, or an 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/ John Ward, X his mark

[Timothy T Swift, a clergyman, and William Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ [Thomas Badget S6593](#)

² FPA S5507

³ [Nathaniel Snelson W6135](#)

Louisa County to wit: John Kersey this day made oath before me William Nelson an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, that John Ward served his first, second and fifth tours of duty in the Revolutionary War (as set forth in the said Ward's declaration hereto annexed) in the same companies and under the same officers with him the said John Kersey, and that he knows that portion of said Ward's declaration to be true. Thomas Badget made oath before me William Nelson a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, that he was in the Army of the Revolution at the same time with John Ward, and knows that he performed the fourth and fifth tours of military duty as set forth in the said Ward's declaration hereto annexed. Nathaniel Snelson made oath before me William Nelson a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, that he knows that John Ward performed his third tour of military duty as set forth in the said Ward's declaration hereto annexed, and well recollects seeing the said Ward, sick in the Hospital near Richmond at the time the Manchester warehouses were burnt by the British in April 1781. I further certify that the said John Kersey, Thomas Badget and Nathaniel Snelson, have been my neighbors for many years, that they all persons of credibility and that I entertain the full belief that John Ward was a soldier of the Revolution. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of January 1833.

S/ W. Nelson

[fn p. 5: On March 9, 1853 in Louisa County Virginia, Nancy Ward, 83, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Ward who was a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$36.66 per annum; that she married him in Louisa County Virginia January 8, 1805; and that he died in Louisa County December 26, 1838 and that she has remained his widow ever since. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the Virginia service. Is widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing February 3rd, 1853.]