

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Ballard W25220

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State of Ohio } Ss

Pickaway County }

On this 21st day of July personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Pickaway; William Ballard, a resident of Scioto township, in the said County of Pickaway and State of Ohio, aged seventy two years on the 18th day of March last, 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 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the state troops of Virginia, in the 4th day of April, in the year 1779, with Captain Thomas Madison and served in the regiment of guards of the said state troops, under the following named officers to wit: under Francis Taylor as Colonel of said regiment & John Roberts as Major; and the company in which he served, was at the commencement of his said service, commanded by the said Captain Madison and shortly afterwards, the said Madison resigned his command and Captain James Burton then took the command & continued in command of said company, until near the time of the expiration of this applicants enlistment. While Captain Madison continued in the command, the said James Burton was Lieutenant in said company & William Kennedy was Ensign in said company, for sometime, before this applicant was discharged. This applicant further declares, that he was honorably discharged on the 22nd day of May 1781, at Winchester in Frederick County & State of Virginia – that he resided in the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia, at the time of his enlistment and that the regiment to which he belonged, was raised for the express purpose of guarding the prisoners, taken with General Burgoyne at Saratoga [17 Oct 1777] and was called the regiment of guards. This applicant further states, that he served in the said County of Albemarle, as guard to said prisoners, from the date of his enlistment continually, till within a short time prior to his discharge; when said prisoners were removed to Winchester, in said County of Frederick, to which place, this applicant accompanied them, as one of the aforesaid guards & that this applicant was marched two or three times to Winchester, which were the only marches performed by him during his enlistment. This applicant further states, that he received an honorable discharge, signed by the said Francis Taylor, as Colonel of said Regiment, on the aforesaid 22nd day of May 1781, which discharge is now by time and accident, lost or destroyed. 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.

[signed] Wm Ballard

NOTE: On 21 Feb 1853 Catherine Ballard of Franklin County OH applied for a pension stating that she married William Ballard after 1800 in Franklin County, and he died on 13 Mar 1841. The file includes a copy of the minister's return dated 7 Jan 1830 for the marriage of William Ballard and Catharine Toxell. An application for bounty land dated 11 April 1855 gives her age as 72, her residence as South Charleston in Clarke County OH, the date of her marriage to William Ballard as 3 Jan 1829, her name at that time as Catharine Troxel, and the date of her husband's death as 13 Mar 1842.