

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Edmund Ball W390

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State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct

On the 3 day of December 1832 appeared in open Court before the worshipful County Court of Woodford now sitting Edmond Ball a resident of said County & state aforesaid aged seventy seven 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832:

That he entered the service in the year 1778 under Colo Griffin in the County of King & Queen in the state of Virginia that he marched on to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] thence to York Town where we joined General [Thomas] Nelson thence to Hampton thence back to York Town where we were dismissed I served at this time in all three months as a volunteer That in the year 1780 I served as a substitute for Three months under Col Martin Armstrong in the State of North Carolina he marched us from Moravian Towns [near present Winston-Salem] to Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] where we joined General [Griffith] Rutherford thence to Colson [possibly Colson's Mill in Anson County] thence to the Cherry hills [sic: Cheraw Hills in SC] thence to Lynches Creek where we joined General [Horatio] Gates thence to the Battle ground near Camden where we met [one or two illegible words] defeat in 1781 [sic: Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. I was ordered out with every other able bodied man in the County of Essex where I then lived I left [illegible word] on the 14 day of August 1781 under the Command of Col Wm Roane Thos Stfreshley[?] Maj & John Webb his Captain. I was marched down to Gloster [sic: Gloucester] where your petitioner with others were placed under the command of Col Campbell of the Continental line That he was at the Siege of York when Cornwallis was Captured in October [19<sup>th</sup>] 1781 That he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Evidence he can procure who can Testify as to his services. 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 or Territory, sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Edmund Ball

Where and in what year were you Born

Answer I was born in King and Queen county in the state of Virginia in the year 1755

Have you any record of your age Answer. No

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

Answer. I was living in King and Queen County when called into service I moved to Northumberland County in the year 1785 where I lived till 1794 when I removed to the state of Kentucky & settled in the County of Woodford where I have lived ever since & now reside

Answer I first volunteered for three months. I then served as a substitute for three months for John Appleton. I then served under Col William Roane for three months and was at the Siege of York

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Answer I entered the service under Colo Griffin joined General Nelson at York Town. I then served under Col Martin Armstrong in North Carolina under Gen Retherford we joined Genl Gates in south Carolina & was in the Battle at Camden. I then served under Colo Wm Roane Thos Threshly[?] was Major & John Webb was my Captain and was at the Siege of York when Corn Wallis was Taken

Did you ever receive a Discgrarge [sic: discharge]

Answer. No I never Did

NOTE: On 14 Jul 1842 Sarah Ball, 74, applied for a pension as the widow of Edmund Ball who died 30 Jul 1833. There is a copy of a bond signed 27 Apr 1787 in Northumberland County VA by Edmond Ball and Robert Thomas for the marriage of Ball to Sally Thomas.