

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Ware (Weir)¹ W6385

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[fn p. 11]

State of Virginia and County of Nelson to wit

On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared before me James Woods Junior a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Thomas Ware a resident of said County and State, aged 69 or 70 years to the best of his knowledge, 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 the 7th 1832.

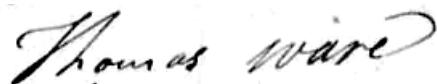
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, he says that sometime in the winter of 1780, '81 he then being a resident of the County of Albemarle in State of Virginia, he entered the service of the United States as a Militia man with Captain Moss Lecke [Mark Leake], Lieutenant William Hughes, Ensign Pleasant Martin and took water at Scott's Mill in said County, on James River and ran down the said River to old west house [?] in the County of Henrico six miles above Richmond where he was landed and was marched to Richmond; and from thence to Williamsburg from thence to cabin point [Cabin Point], there stayed some time under the command of Colonel Richardson; the names of any other field officers or the N O of the Regiment not recollected, from thence to Petersburg where they stayed some time and from thence to Richmond where he was dismissed and then went home to the County of Albemarle, the said tour was two months. The next time he entered the service was in Albemarle in 1781 he knows, and in the month of May to the best of his recollection, that he entered as a Militia man under Captain Thompson, subalterns not recollected his Colonel Reuben Linsey [Reuben Lindsey], he recollects that he joined General Lafayette's Army after it had retreated out of Richmond and after marching to & fro some days, took their course in a northwestern direction which they went for several days and then turned a southern direction and marched to Albemarle County, of which march they were joined by General Wayne, he recollects that while they were retreating the enemy got to Charlottesville, dispersed the Assembly and then retreated. Our Army then pursued until they got near Williamsburg sometimes arriving at the enemy's encampment when their fires were still burning, he recollects some little fighting that took place near Williamsburg at Hickory Church at a place he thinks called hot water; not long after this the enemy took shipping at Jamestown at which time and place there was an engagement where both armies met with considerable loss after which the enemy disappeared and our Army marched to Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] where he was stationed for a considerable time and where he was dismissed, the length of this tour having been three months. The next and last time he entered the service was at Charlottesville and

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Albemarle County under Captain Benjamin Harris, at which time and place he drew arms, from thence they marched to old Williamsburg where they met under the command of General Losson [Robert Lawson] and was attached to the Army of General Lafayette after which it was said the enemy had gone up York River in consequence of which General Losson's Brigade was detached and went to the River, found that it was a false rumor, and the same day he thinks returned to the main Army, from thence on Saturday they marched to York, on the next day which was Sunday the French took pigeon hill, on Monday he was called on to work on the fortification which was in plain view of the enemy's breastwork, and while he was at work alternately for the space of four days and nights the enemy kept up a brisk cannonading and continued [word written over and indecipherable] and cannonading until finally the enemy was compelled to surrender which was signified by their hoisting a white flag, but that terms not being satisfactorily to our General which was Washington, they were rejected, but finally they offered such terms as was accepted and that he then marched out and grounded their arms. The day following he with other militia troops was detached to guard a part of the prisoners to Potomac River at Nolens ferry where they were delivered to the Merrilanders [Marylanders]; and from thence he marched to Charlottesville under his same Captain and was there dismissed after a tour of three months. He don't recollect the number of any Regiment to which he was attached during his service, he has no documentary evidence to prove his service, can prove a part of his service but knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the other part.

Questions by the Magistrate. Where and in what year were you born. Answer, as I was told by three that was older than me I was born in the County of Amherst Virginia in the year of 1762 or 1763. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it. Answer, I have none. 3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live. Answer I lived in the County of Albemarle Virginia when called into service in Albemarle part of the time since the revolution, and in Henry County Virginia another part, and the balance in that part of old Amherst County Virginia which is now Nelson County, and I now live in Nelson County Virginia. 4th how were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom. Answer. I was drafted. 5th: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service. Answer. The officers recollected in addition to those named in the body of my declaration are General Stevens [Edward Stevens], and Nelson, the other inquiries are as well answered in the body of this declaration as I can answer them, as the number of no Regiment in which I served is now recollected. 6 did you ever receive a discharge from the service. Answer. I never received a written discharge to mind recollection, but was in each case informed by my officer that I was at liberty to go home. 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution. The Magistrate will please inquire of Moses & Alexander Fitzpatrick who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution, and the said Thomas Ware 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.

S/ Thomas Ware

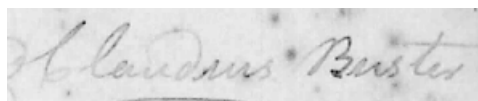
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Ware". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Thomas Ware".

[Moses Fitzpatrick and Alexander Fitzpatrick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Augusta County to wit, this day Claudius Buster² a resident of said County personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath that he served two tours of duty of three months each in the Revolutionary War in the militia from Albemarle County in the State of Virginia, the last tour, the men from Albemarle County was under the command of Colonel Ruben Linsey, they joined the main Army under General Lafayette as they retreated out of Richmond – which he thinks was in May 1781 our Army after marching and countermarching, someday took their course in a northwesterly direction as far as about Fauquier County, from thence they turned a more southerly direction, as far as Albemarle County, in which route they were joined by Generals Wayne and Struband [Steuben] – the time of our retreat, the British came to Charlottesville routed the Assembly, destroyed some property and then retreated, Our Army then followed them until they got to Williamsburg, Where some skirmishing took place, One at a place called hot water and one at hickory Nut Church. Shortly after the British went a board of their shipping at Jamestown at which time & place the Americans met with a considerable loss, both of militia and Continental troops, as there was a considerable battle – Shortly after our Army marched up James River to Munbin hill [Malvern Hill] Where this affiant was discharged – he further states that he well recollects that Thomas where now a resident of Nelson County in the State of Virginia served that tour of duty with him and this affiant and where were messmates for several weeks during that tour, and further saith not.

S/Claudius Buster

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudius Buster". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[fn p. 5: On July 3, 1853 in Nelson County Virginia Mildred board aged about 82 or 83 made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Ware a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him October 15, 1787; that her maiden name was Mildred Bryant; that her husband died December 26, 1851.]

[fn p. 8: On March 27, 1855 in Nelson County, the widow giving her age as 85, filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[fn p. 19: copy of a marriage bond issued in Buckingham County Virginia to Thomas Ware and Randolph Jefferson October 8, 1787 to secure the marriage of Thomas Ware to Millay Bryant.]

[fn p. 20: On March 3, 1854 in Nelson County Virginia, James Lyon, 74, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he has known the veteran and his wife for about 54 years; that he went to school with some of the children of the veteran and his wife; in about 21 years of age he attended the school of Mr. Holeman Jopling; that the veteran and his wife oldest daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Pugh is about 64 years of age and the youngest son Robert is about 36 years of age; that the veteran and his wife had 14 children namely Elizabeth, John, Thomas, Martha, Nancy,

² [Claudius Buster W25310](#)

Malinda, Mildred, William, Edward, Payton, Polly, Virginia, Almira and Robert.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount beginning December 26, 1851.]