

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Ball W8336

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DISTRICT OF Kentucky, SS.

On this 1st day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the State of Kentucky, personally appeared James Ball aged 69 years, resident in Fayette Cty, (lay[?]) in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said James Ball enlisted in 1776 in the state of Virginia Hampshire Cty in the company commanded by William Voss [sic: William Vause] of the 12th Virginia Regt commanded by Colo. James Wood; that he continued in the service of the United States until the 1779 for three years, when he was discharged from service in Frederick Town state of Maryland, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and rec'd. two wounds at the battle of Brandywine and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services but Christopher Ruly whose affidavit is here taken

Comm'th of Kentucky Sct:

This Day Christopher Ruly personally appeared before me, one of the Circuit Judges for the Commth afsd, and made oath that he became acquainted with James Ball in the Revolutionary War about the year 1777 in New Jersey at Morristown and that the said Ball was a regular soldier in the army of the United States and he knows that he was in the army at least two years as he was himself a sodier at the same time Witness my hand this 1 of May 1818

District of Kentucky Owen County On this 14th day of May 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said District and Circuit of Owen County James Ball aged 70 years resident in Owen County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted in Captain William Voss Company in the 12th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel James Wood, that he enlisted in Hampshire County State of Virginia in 1776 for three years that he served in said Regiment until he was transfered to the 8th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman and his Captain was Robert Gamble, that he served near four years on the Continental line and was discharged by Colonel Webb [probably John Webb] at Frederick Town and Frederick County State of Maryland, that he drew a pension and the number of his pension Certificate 2525. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. One old mare \$10. Six head of hogs \$16 Two Cows \$20. Two year old Colt \$10. \$56.

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That he is by pursuit a common laborer has a wife and three children which constitutes his family that he is very poor and needy.

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NOTE: On 2 Sep 1836 Margaret Ball, formerly Margaret Bray, 83, applied for a pension stating that she married James Ball in May 1771 or 1772 in Hampshire County VA, and he died on 27 Mar 1830. With her application she submitted the original family record transcribed below. Jacob Ball of Owen County stated that his brother James Ball was living in Nelson County KY. Henry Ball of Nicholasville in Jessamine County stated that his mother's sister, Jane Dewitt was living in Clark County KY. Jane Dewitt on 9 Sep 1836 stated that she was 81 and the widow of Peter Dewitt whom she married in July 1774, and that she was living at her father's house when Margaret Bray was married there. On 13 June 1843, Jacob Ball of Owenton KY wrote that his mother had died on 29 Aug 1842, leaving a large family of children, all very poor.

James Balls Childrens Age

Henry Ball Son of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was Born December the 24 day 1775

James Ball Son of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was Born October the 30 day 1777

John Ball Son of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was Born October the 19 day 1779

Abraham Ball Son of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was Born October the 19 day 1781

Isaac Ball Son of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was born October the 21 Day 1783

Catrine Ball Daughter of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was Born September the 7 day 1785

Jacob Ball Son of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was Born Agust the 22 day 1787

Mary Ball Daughter of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was born T August 28 1792

Margret Ball Daughter of James Ball & Margret his Wife Was Born December 1st 1795

Susannah Ball Daughter of James Ball & Margret his wife Was Born December 15 1797

Millay Ball Daughter of James Ball & Margret wife was Born October 28th 1800