

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laurence Ward W8973

Elizabeth

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State of Kentucky

On this 20th day of April 1819 Laurence Ward came before me James Clark one of the Circuit Judges for the State aforesaid and made the following declaration upon oath for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the Government of the United States under the late law of Congress making provision for the Soldiers etc. of the revolution. He states that he is a citizen of Estill County and State aforesaid – that he is aged about sixty-six years, That he was four years a soldier in the war of the revolution, that on the __day of July 1775 he was enlisted by Lieutenant John Crittenden in Prince William County State of Virginia for the period of 4 years, and that he served in the company commanded first by Captain Marques Calmeas [Marquis Calmes], then by Captain __ Wells, then by Captain Samuel Barler [?] that part of the time he belonged to the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood] and part of the time to the 11th Regiment commanded by Colonel William Russell of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States from the said __day of July 1775 until he was taken prisoner by the enemy in the month of May 1780 at the Siege of Charleston in South Carolina and that he was detained by them as a prisoner until the month of August following before which time his term of service had expired owing to which circumstance he never obtained his regular discharge. That he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and the Siege of Charleston where he was taken and divers small engagements and particularly the storming of Stoney Point where he got his thigh broke. That his circumstances are so reduced that he stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support and that he has no other evidence of his enlistment and service now in his power than what is here transmitted that one of his former captains Marquis Calmeas resides in the State of Kentucky but is now absent from the State in parts unknown.

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

Alexander Reid¹ aged about 63 years being first sworn states that he was himself a soldier in the war of the revolution, that he became acquainted with the afore named Lawrence Ward shortly after the battle of Germantown, that the said Ward was then a soldier in the Virginia line but of what Company he does not recollect and that he knew the said Ward from that time as a soldier until he was taken prisoner at Charleston as he has stated for this deponent was taken at the same time and frequently saw him afterwards as a prisoner, that he at this time lives he is near neighbor and knows that the said Ward is and extremely poor man having little or no property of any description. Sworn to the day and year first aforesaid before me.

¹ FPA S36872

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit judge

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State of Kentucky Estill Circuit Sct.

On this 18th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court for said circuit being a Court of record for the State aforesaid Lawrence Ward aged about seventy-one years and resident in said County of Estill who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. I enlisted under John Crittenden Lieutenant, Captain Samuel Rooker's Company and the 11th Virginia Regiment. That the date of his original declaration is the 20th day of April 1819 and the number of his Pension Certificate 12 288 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" 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

Schedule

2 hoes \$1, one plow \$1.50, 2 axes \$2, one pair plowing gear \$1, he has no Debts owing to him and owes about \$25.

S/ Lawrence Ward

He states that he has a wife living with him aged about seventy years and one daughter, that he is by occupation a farmer but from extreme old age and wounds received in the Revolutionary War he is wholly unable to support himself by his own labor. He further states that his daughter that lives with him is able to support herself by her own labor but that she has children of her own to support the name of his Daughter is Betsy she is about 30 years of age.

Sworn to before me

S/ Jas. Clark, Circuit Judge

[facts in file: Veteran married in the year 1780 in Fairfax County Virginia, Elizabeth. Her maiden name is not shown. She stated in one of the documents signed by her in this file that her father was in Braddock's defeat where he had his hand shot off. The veteran died February 11, 1830; his widow was pensioned under her application executed October 3, 1838 at which time she was living in Estill County Kentucky and gave her age as 94 years. The widow died December 23, 1845 in Madison County Kentucky. The following names of the children of the veteran and his widow are shown as follows in the claim: their eldest child, Jeremiah, born September 27, 1781; Jilson, their 4th child, born in February, 1786; Thomas; Elizabeth; Charles; Betsy aged 30 years in 1821 (she may have been the same as Elizabeth) her children were referred to in 1821 but not named; Rebecca aged 60 years in 1855. The veteran had a grandson, B. H. L. Ward who was 29 years old in 1839 and living in Estill County Kentucky, the names of his parents are not shown. The only children surviving their mother were Jilson Ward and Rebecca Ward both residing in Owsley County Kentucky in 1855.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 20, 1819 for 4 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line; Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of

\$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843.]