

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ward ¹ W8974 Theodosia (Dosha) Ward f63VA
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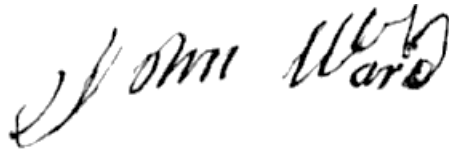
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, I John Ward of the County of Mason in the State of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war, and continued in service until its termination, at which period I was a private in Captain Parson's [probably William Parsons'] Company of dragoons then commanded by Lieutenant H Bell [Henry Bell], in the 3rd Regiment of (I presume of) the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Baylor [George Baylor], and I declare that after the termination of the War I received certain papers months which I believe were certificates for the reward of \$80, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 but of this I am not certain being incapable of reading those papers and having in the year 1793 or about that period place them in the hands of the Honorable Abraham Venable of Virginia, since deceased and have never been able to regain the possession of them.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 25th day of September 1828.

S/ John Ward



[p 19: Alberry B. Ward and Robert Ward, citizens of Lunenburg County Virginia gave testimony that they are the brothers of John Ward a native citizen of the County of Nottoway Virginia now living in Madison County Kentucky; that John Ward enlisted as a private soldier in the 3rd troop of Virginia light horse in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Baylor of the regular Army in the summer of 1781 and continued in the service until the fall of 1783.

Alberry B. Ward
Robert Ward]

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State of Kentucky County of Mason Sct.

John Ward being duly sworn on the evangelist of Almighty God doth say that the applicant enlisted in Lunenburg County in the State of Virginia in the summer of the year 1781 into the company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Parsons in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Baylor in the Virginia line for during the war that deponent served in said line until the fall of the year 1781 when he was honorably discharged by Captain Jones at Richmond in the State of Virginia that deponent at the time of his discharge was in the company commanded by Captain Jones in the Virginia State line that deponent lost his discharge about the year 1795 that deponent never received any bounty in the land for his [service] that deponent is 65 years of age and further saith not.

S/ John Ward

Sworn and subscribed the 16th day of December 1830 before me a justice of the peace in and for the Mason County State of Kentucky

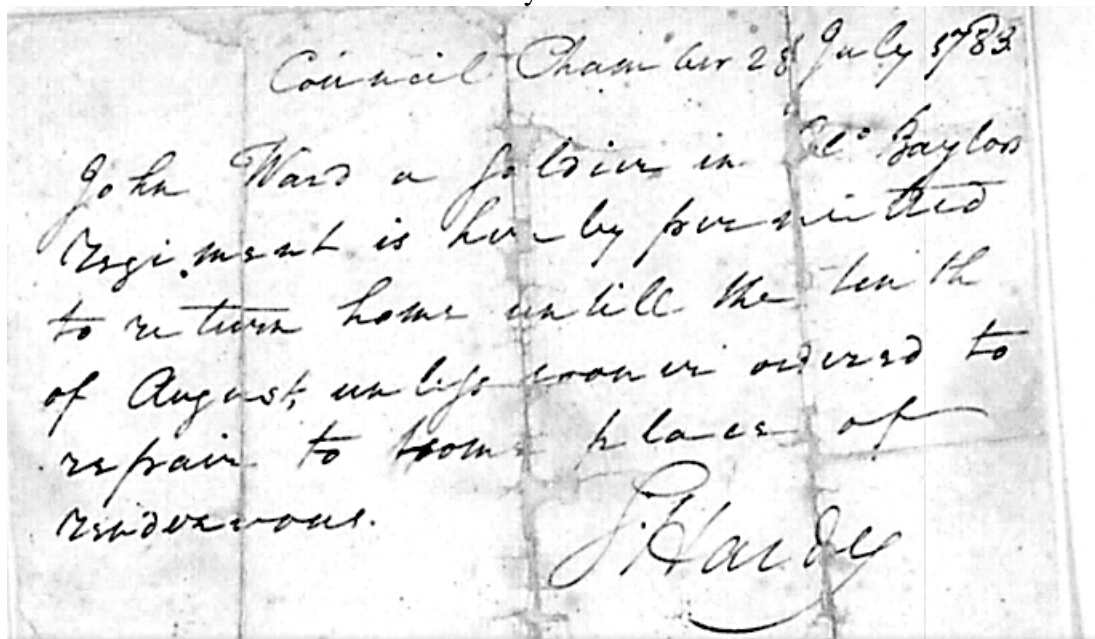
S/ J. Brown, JP

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Council Chamber 28 July 1783

John Ward a Soldier of Colonel Baylor's Regiment is hereby permitted to return home until the 10th of August unless sooner ordered to repair to some place of rendezvous.

S/ S. Hardy



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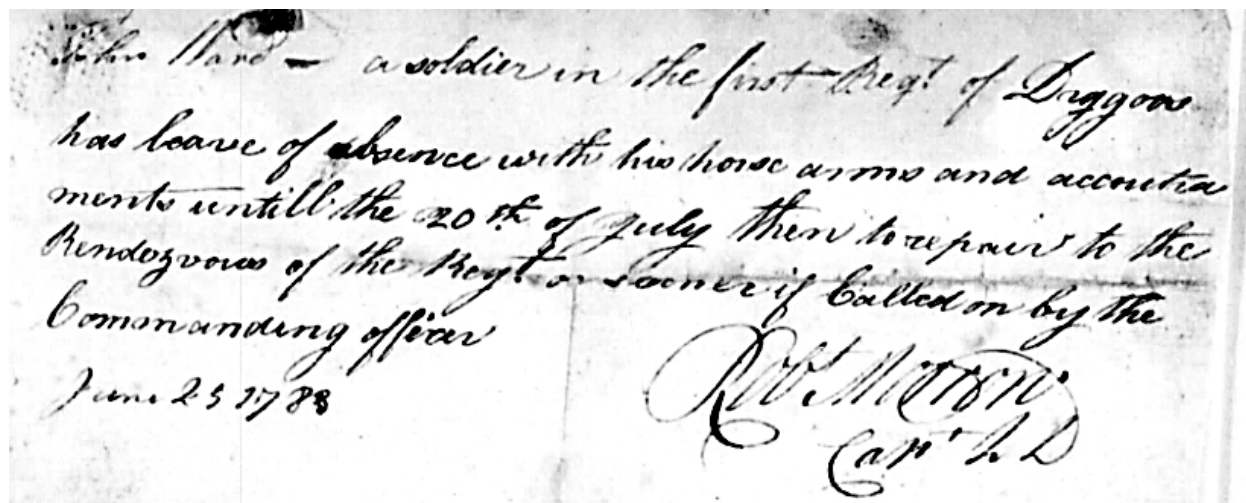
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June 23 1783

S/ Robt Morton [?]

Capt. L. D.



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June 25 1788
R. M. MITCHELL
Cap. &c.

[p 11: copy of a marriage bond issued to John Ward and Daniel Beasley on March 30, 1789 to secure the marriage of John Ward to Dosey Anderson – it was issued in Amelia County, Virginia.]

[p 13: On July 12, 1847 in Mason County Kentucky, Theodosia Ward, 79, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of John Ward, who applied for a pension and she refers to his application; that she married he him sometime in the year 1788 the precise date she does not recollect; that her husband died October 25, 1746. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 3: Family record:

Richard Ward Son of John Ward was born February first 1737 and married to Anna Ford October 20th 1763

Anna Ford was born December 28 1740

John Ward son of Richard & Anna Ward Was Born June 28th 1766 on a Saturday Morning Who Was Married to Doshia Anderson April 4th 17 [last 2 digits lost by the paper being torn]

Betsy Marshall Ward was born January 13th 17 [text missing] who is the daughter of John & Doshia W.

Anderson Ward son of John & Doshia was born March 24th 1799 [last digit unclear] on Saturday Nancy A. Ward daughter of John Ward & his wife was born December 10th [text missing]

Doshia Ward daughter of Henry & A [paper torn text missing]

Anderson who is the wife of John Ward was born January 17th 1768

John Ward Son of John and Doshia Ward was born March 23rd 1797

Polly Ward daughter of the aforesaid was born May the 10th 1799

Francis Ward, daughter of Do was born the 2nd of April 1802

Washington Ward was born November the 19th 1804

Patsy Ward was born May the 4th 1807

Rebecca Ward was born May the 31st 1809

Allin Danophan Ward was born May the 19th 1811

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

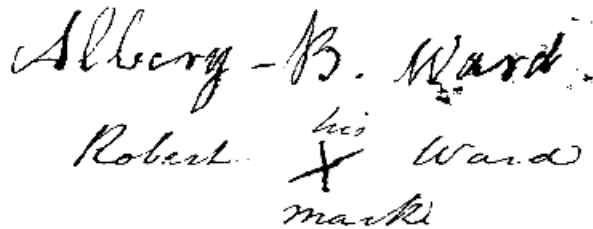
[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]
—misfiled as the last page [18] of the file relating to Samuel Waples.

State of Virginia County of Lunenburg Sct.

Alberry B. Ward and Robert Ward Citizens of the County aforesaid, maketh oath that they are well acquainted with John Ward, a native of the County of Nottoway and State aforesaid, who is now, and has been for several years a resident of the County of Mason and State of Kentucky. That the said John Ward who is the brother of these deponent's, enlisted as a private Soldier in the 3rd troop of Virginia light horse in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Baylor in the regular Army of Revolution, that the said John Ward remained in the service until fall of the year 1783. That [he] enlisted in the summer of the year 1781 and served principally in the South.

S/ Alberry B. Ward

S/ Robert Ward, X his mark



Alberry - B. Ward
Robert ^{his} X Ward
mark

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]
—7 page file under the veteran's own name.

[Note: The documents in this file are illegible as posted. Either the image is too poor to decipher or one document have been split into 2 images on separate pages. The one most substantive document in the file is an affidavit given by John Ward in which he states he enlisted for the duration of the war in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of Light Horse under Capt. Wm Parsons in the Spring of 1781 and was discharged about the month of November 1783. The affidavit is dated Augt. 23rd 1832 and is signed by the veteran but the image of his signature is split between 2 images.