

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Baptiste Ashe BLWt2247-450

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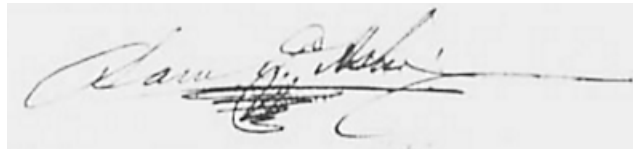
State of Tennessee County of Haywood

I, Samuel P Ashe sole heir at law of John Baptiste Ashe do upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the said John B Ashe did entered the service in 1775 or 76 for the term of __ and served as a Captain, Major & Lt. Col. in the Regiment No. 1st under the command of Colonel __ of the North Carolina line; and that he continued in this service aforesaid until the close of the War of the Revolution.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to the said John B Ashe on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

Know all men by these presents, that I Samuel P Ashe aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Honorable John W Crockett or Messrs Gates, Seaton or either of them to be my true and lawful attorney or attorneys, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States, a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and my said attorney or attorneys is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him or them for the special purposes above expressed.

S/ Sam P. Ashe

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Samuel P. Ashe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

[marginal note]

As I was born after the services of my Father ended & he died when I was quite young, and as all the papers, commissions, affidavits proving it or on file in some of the offices at Washington City which led to the passage of the Commutative Law [sic, Commutation Law] [one or more indecipherable words] favor I refer you to them as to his services [several indecipherable words and abbreviations]

State of Tennessee

At a court held for Fayette County, February 4th, 1839 satisfactory evidence was induced in court, to prove that Samuel P. Ashe now an inhabitant of the County of Haywood and State aforesaid is the Son and sole heir at law in fee to John Baptiste Ashe late a Major in the first North Carolina Regiment.

County

S/ James S. Heastett Chairman of the County Court of said
February Term 1939

I, Jarman Koonce Clerk of the County Court, do certify, that the above evidence is taken from the records in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal, this fifth day of February 1839.

S/ Jarmon Koonce Clerk of Fayette County Court

House: Representatives February 26th, 1839

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith the declaration of Samuel P. Ashe Esq. With a view to obtain the bounty land due to him on account of the Services of Colonel John B. Ashe his father. The records of this city I believe only show that he was a Major. The records of North Carolina prove that he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. This proof is on file in the Office of the Clerk of this House, and during the last session a bill passed Congress granting him Commutation pay as Lieutenant Colonel. I hope it may be practicable to arrange this matter and before the end of the Session.

I am Sir, very respectfully your obt Servant
S/ John W. Crockett

[to] Wm Gordon, Esqr.
Bounty Land Office
War Dept. Washington

June 13, 1928

[private address]

Madam:

I advise you that from the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau it appears that John Baptiste Ashe entered the service in 1775 or 1776 and served until the close of the War as a Captain, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel of the First North Carolina Regiment.

On February 12, 1839, the soldier's son, Samuel P. Ashe of Haywood County, Tennessee, applied for the bounty land which was due his father, stating that he was "born after the services of his father who died when he was quite young." On February 28, 1839, Warrant 2247, for four hundred and fifty acres of land, was issued to Samuel B. Ashe, as some and sole heir of John B. Aseh, Lieutenant-Colonel of the North Carolina troops.

There is no further particulars of service nor further family data on file.

The above noted is the only John ash of North Carolina that is found in the revolutionary war records of this Bureau.

Respectfully,
S/ Winfield Scott