

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Ballew S31541

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State of Tennessee, Shelby County

October Sessions of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions 1832.

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting Joseph Ballew a resident of said County of Shelby and State aforesaid of the age of Seventy five years on the 17th of March next 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the Services under Capt. Thomas Kenedy [Thomas Kennedy] in Burk [Burke] County State of North Carolina as a Volunteer and Served three months and that Col. Cleaveland [Benjamin Cleveland] was the Colonel that commanded them and they were marched to Ramsour's Mills against the Tories ^{& British} and defeated them at that place [June 20, 1780]; we were then marched to Broad River after the British & Tories and from there were we marched home[.] I then entered the Service ^{for three months} in Capt. John McFarlin's [John McFarland's] company, George Walker first Lieutenant, Peter Russ second Lieutenant and served at Davidson's Fort on the head of the Catawba River, three months, and during the time acted as issuing commissary and from said Fort I was marched home. I then volunteered for three months under Capt. Camp [Jonathan Camp] and Marched from Burke County to Gilbert Town, from thence I was marched to Ned Hampton's plantation on Pacolet River, there we had a Battle with part of Col. Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] corps commanded by Capt. Dunlap [James Dunlap], at which time & place Col. Chas. McDowell [Charles McDowell] was the commander of the Americans, and from thence we were marched in a retreat from Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] Army to the head of the Catawba River and from thence to Bundy's powder Mills on Holstien [Holston] River where we were stationed and reconnoitered (?), and there joined Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Cleaveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Sevier [John Sevier] & Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and were marched to King's Mountain where we defeated the British [October 7, 1780] & after the Battle of King's Mountain I was marched to Morganton Burke Court house. I then volunteered my self under Capt. Harry Highland in a campaign against the Cherokees and was attached to Col. Joseph McDowell's Regiment and were marched to Little Chota and Big Chota on Little Tennessee River at both of said places we had Battles with the Indians and defeated them and from there from there I was marched ^{to Davidson's Fort}. ~~I do not now recollect the length of time we was in service this last campaign but believe it was no two~~ We commenced this campaign in the

month of March in the year 1782 and I remained at said Fort until August of the same year, and was then march[ed] again into the Cherokee's Country and destroyed their corn and burnt their towns in the nation and I was then march[ed] home in the month [of] September or October and discharged.

I was discharged by Col. Joseph McDowell which discharge I kept for a number of years until it was worn out by age. I was born in the State of Virginia in Buckingham County, and my Father moved into Amherst County from there my Father moved to Burke County N. C. near Morganton, there I continued to live for several years after the war was over. I moved from Burke County to the State of Kentucky Knox County and lived in said State of Kentucky until about seven years since. I moved to the State of Alabama and lived there two years and then moved to Tennessee Shelby County where I now live.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or any annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State and that the only proof of my services that I can now make is by the ~~affidavit~~ testimony of Capt. William Walker whose affidavit is herewith filed and sent with this declaration.

Sworn to in open court Oct. 16, 1832.

S/ Joseph Ballew

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

S/ Ro. Lawrence, Clerk

[p 18: Eppy White and John K. Balch gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

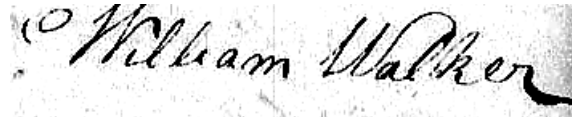
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State of Tennessee Hardeman County: SS

On this second day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Howell Myrick an acting Justice of the Peace for said County William Walker and made oath in due form of law that he is well acquainted with Joseph Ballew who intends making application for a Pension under the act passed 7th of June 1832. And saw said Ballew service of the United States in the latter part of the summer of 1780, about harvest time, said Ballew was in the Battle, fought between the American troops, composed of the North Carolina Militia and a part of Tarleton's horse commanded by Captain Dunlap, the Americans commanded by Colonel Charles McDowell. The said Ballew belonged to Captain Camp's company from Burke County North Carolina and this affiant was a Lieutenant of the Company commanded by Captain Rankin from Rutherford County North Carolina. We were situated at Ned Hampton's plantation in North Carolina near the South Carolina line on Pacolet River, and had several Tory prisoners in a log house and the British attacked us in the night and we had a sharp action in which said Ballew fought well. The British defeated us and rescued the prisoners. Afterwards, said Ballew was in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the month of March 1782 in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Highland from Burke County North Carolina Colonel Joseph McDowell was the commander in chief of this expedition, and this affiant was the adjutant. We defeated the Indians at Little Chota and Big Chota on Little Tennessee River, in the action said Ballew was engaged and fought well and always had the character of a good Soldier. This affiant was in the Battle of Kings Mountain, between the American forces commanded by Colonels Campbell, Sevier and Shelby, and the British and Tories commanded by Major Ferguson, in this action he has no recollection of seeing said Ballew, as this affiant then commanded a Company himself, and had not much interaction with the Soldiers out of his own Company. But has always understood and

believes said Ballew was there, And this affiant from the general character of said Ballew, would give him credit on his oath.

S/ William Walker

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Walker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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Supplement to the declaration of Joseph Ballew for a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. The original declaration sworn to at October Term 1832 of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for Shelby County.

The said Joseph Ballew in addition to the facts stated in his original declaration states that he entered the Service & served as a private soldier during all the time he served, he cannot state with any more precision the length of time he served as each length of time is correctly stated and that he served out the length of time for which he entered the service each campaign. That he was born in Buckingham County State of Virginia in the year Seventeen hundred and fifty seven or fifty eight.

That he has no record of his age the record being lost.

The said Joseph Ballew further states that in filing his original declaration the reason he did not get the affidavit of a preacher was that he went to court without knowing what was necessary for him to prove and having the affidavit of a witness proving his services was informed that it would be unnecessary to have the affidavit of a preacher as that would only be required in the absence of positive proof[.] [H]e has now procured the affidavit required.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court April 8, 1833.

S/ Joseph Ballew

S/ R. Lawrence, CICC

[Ashall Dana [could be Ashall Danar], a clergyman gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On May 3, 1845 in Little Rock Arkansas, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Tennessee agency to the Arkansas agency stating that he has removed to the County of White in Arkansas where he intends to remain in order to reside with his children who have settled in said County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months as a private in the North Carolina service.]