

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leven Balance (Levin Ballance) S6563

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State of North Carolina, Currituck County

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Caleb Etheridge, Benjamin T. Simmons, John B. Jones and William Bray Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid now sitting Levin Ballance, a Resident of Currituck County and State of North Carolina of the age of seventy years who being first 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 – He saith that he was drafted in December 1779 under the command of Captain Thomas Poyner¹ in the Militia and marched to the State of South Carolina under the command of General William Caswell and served in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line of militia in Col. Kenyon's [James Kenan's] Regiment and were encamped near the Santee River at the time Charleston was taken by the British in May 1780 [May 12, 1780] then retreated from Santee to Cape Fear River to a place then called the Cross Creek the present site of Fayetteville and were discharged in the month of July in 1780 and returned home – he was in the service at this time 150 days – he has no documentary evidence, but can prove the service by Col. Thomas Poyner – then his Captain under whom he served – He also served 21 days in Captain Duke's company near the Virginia and North Carolina line – when the British were in possession of Portsmouth and the adjoining County – Josiah Nicholson was Major and Gideon Lamb was Colonel at the time has no documentary evidence but can prove the service by Col. Thomas Poyner of Currituck County then a Captain in the same service. He further states that in January 1781 he was a volunteer under Captain Thomas Jarvis² and served three months near the Virginia and North Carolina line but was stationed during most of the time at North West Bridge in Norfolk County Virginia was then discharged – has no documentary evidence but can prove the service by Captain Thomas Jarvis then his Captain – He further states that he served in the same year three months under Captain Andrew Duke near the Virginia and North Carolina line & generally stationed at North West – has no documentary evidence but can prove this service by Thomas Dowdy then a soldier in the same service – In both the last campaigns Isaac Gregory was General and Peter Dozier [Peter Dauge] was Colonel of the Command.

In 1782 he was in Captain Duke's Company at Knott's Island Currituck Inlet & Churches Island when the British Galley came in to Currituck Inlet when the Galley was taken. This service lasted four days. This service he can prove by Colonel Thomas Poyner then a Captain in the same service. He further says that he served three months under James Philips Captain, Peter Dozier Colonel and Isaac Gregory General that he was stationed at North West Bridge in Norfolk County Virginia. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

1 [Thomas Poyner S7335](#)

2 [Thomas Jarvis S2649](#)

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed) Levin Ballance

[Edward Hardy, a clergyman, and Foster Jarvis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Thomas Poyner maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Levin Ballance who has sworn and subscribed to the above Declaration and knows that he performed the service stated to be in the knowledge of this affiant.

(signed) Thomas Poyner

Thomas Jarvis maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Levin Ballance who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration and that he knows that he performed the service stated to be in the knowledge of this affiant.

(signed) Thomas Jarvis³

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 25 days in the North Carolina service.]

³ The application and supporting affidavits in this file all are copies of the originals. Consequently the signatures only indicate that the originals were signed by the applicant or affiants as appropriate. The file contains no indication as to the location of the original documents but presumably they were kept in the court records in Currituck County North Carolina.