

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Ballard S9094

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State of Virginia, County of Logan

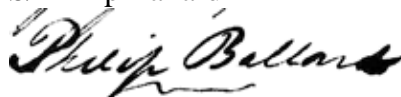
On this 21st day of August 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Logan, Philip Ballard, Sr., a Citizen of this County and in the State of Virginia Aged 75 years on the 12th day of March last, who being duly Sworn according to Law; Doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Minute Service under Captain Spencer, the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Col. Taliaferro [George Taliaferro] & Lieut. Col. Stevens [Edward Stevens] & Major Thomas Marshall; was engaged against the British at the Skirmish at the Great bridge [December 9, 1775] and also at Portsmouth; and about the time of the besieging of Norfolk; deponent was taken sick, & was sent home by Capt. Spencer in his own Wagon. After his recovery he Volunteered his Services to his Country; and Joined a Company Commanded by Captain Scott [probably John Scott] of Orange County: and marched to the town of little York, where he continued with the Army under Genl. Nelson [Thomas Nelson] till the British marched off to Carolina: when he was furloughed to return home. His Country still needing his Services, he enlisted with Capt. Burnley [Garland Burnley or Zachariah Burnley] in the Regt. of Col. Francis Taylor who were guarding the Barracks in Albemarle County where he continued for some time at the breaking up of the barracks he accompanied the prisoners to Fredericktown in Maryland; at which place often guarding the prisoners all the winter; he agreed to serve in Crockett's Regiment in the Company of Capt. Chapman or Chaplin but was again taken sick and did not accompany the Regiment to the West--.

He again recovered at home in Orange County & Joined the Militia under Col. Thomas Barbour as a Volunteer with four brothers and was marched to Richmond: & subsequently to Williamsburg and was discharged at Page's Mill in Orange County in June 1781.

He never received any pay for his Services except for the time he served in the minute service; nor has he received any pension, except a Warrant from the Executive of Virginia for 100 acres of land, which is now deposited in the General Land office of the U. S. to be exchanged for Scrip; agreeable to Law.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Philip Ballard



No pension was received from my Services whatsoever, so none to relinquish.

At Logan County Court August Term 1832

Philip Ballard Sen. this day made his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of a provision of the last Session of Congress providing for pensions of the soldiers the revolution and which was duly executed and Sworn to.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant, was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states, which is ordered to be certified, agreeably to the Act of Congress.

Test: S/ Edwin Robertson, Clk. of said County Court
[Richard Brooks, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Logan County to wit

This day Philip Ballard Jr. a Citizen of said County appeared before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and after being duly Sworn according to Law, States, that he was well acquainted with Philip Ballard the Subscriber to the declaration hereunto annexed for 25 years, has heard his great Uncle mention on many occasions, his services in the War of our revolution; and it has never been doubted in the neighborhood that said Ballard who was over 75 years of age was a revolutionary Soldier in which opinion I freely concur for I have frequently heard him detail his services in the War, when he could have no hope of reward, I have also heard my uncles Thomas & Elijah Ballard, Speak of the Services of Philip, who died on the 13th day of April last, & whose administrator is now applying for his pension do you did by Law in order to settle said Ballard's debts – Given under my hand & seal this 15th day of August 1833.

S/ Joseph Straton, JP

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Logan Courthouse Virginia November the fifth 1833

The humble petition of Mary Ballard to the Honorable Lewis Cass Secretary of War respectfully Showeth that your petitioner is the widow of Philip Ballard late of this County deceased and who departed this life on the 13th day of April 1833 and who served as a Soldier during the War of our revolution and whose declaration and proof of Service was Some time ago forwarded by Anthony Lawson under an arrangement with me in his Character of Administrator of my late husband, Phillip Ballard, to the War office of the United States, your petitioner humbly prays that you will be pleased to pay over to William McComas Esq. the Member of Congress from our district, all such allowance or pension that my late Husband would have been entitled to under an Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832 for my use; and to be transmitted by him to me: no pension from the United States, or any of the States separately was ever received by my late husband who served during the whole war of our revolution; and who died very poor and considerably in debt, trusting with full confidence that his Country's bounty would be received by me to enable me to preserve from Sale our little Household property which I am very desirous to do: in which I trust will be done by your Justice & kindness to the poor Soldier's widow & your petitioner will ever [illegible word] &c &c.

S/ Mary Ballard



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Logan County to wit

This day William Wall Senior, a respectable citizen of this County, appeared before me, Anthony Lawson, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath that he served in the Army of Am. Revolution, and was acquainted with Philip Ballard; in the Army; was stationed at Albemarle Barracks some time, when said Ballard was also stationed in Colonel Taylor's Regiment; has been acquainted with said Ballard ever since, having both, been citizens of Logan County, or the Counties from which it was taken, for the last 25 years.

Given under my hand this 10th day of July in the year 1830.

S/ Anthony Lawson

[The file also contains a power of attorney whereby Philip Ballard appointed Anthony Lawson as his attorney to pursue his (Ballard's) claim for a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the Virginia service.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Logan County legislative petitions

The petition of Philip Ballard to the Honorable Senate and House of representatives for the State of Virginia respectfully Sheweth, That your petitioner enlisted into the Army of the Revolution at the Commencement of the War, for our Independence and Joined a detachment of what was called, "Minute men" under the command of Capt. Talaifforo [sic] under Col. Stephens [sic] and fought at the battle of Norfolk, soon after which, this Corps was discharged, and he received his from Col. Woodford [William Woodford]. He then entered the Army, as a Volunteer, determined to aid all in his power to resque [rescue] his Country from that dom [sic, doom?];¹ and Served under General Nelson, in Virginia and in the neighborhood of little York, till the Surrender of Cornwallis, which put an end to the War; thus serving his Country faithfully in her greatest need; and almost without fee, or reward, for he never received any pay; for several years, towards the Conclusion of the War; and is now at the advanced age of Seventy one years – reduced to extreme poverty and distress – your petitioner however relies with confidence on the Justice and honor of the Hon. Legislature of Virginia, that they will relieve his necessities assuring them that nothing but extreme necessity would induce him to ask at all or such a way as they in their Wisdom shall see meet [?] and proper, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c &c
Logan County November the 16th day, 1826 S/ Philip Ballard

This day Personally appeared before me Francis R. Pennell a Justice of the Peace for the County of Logan William Walls² and made oath that he knew the within named Philip Ballard while in the service of his Country as stated in the within Petition given under my hand and seal this 24th day of November 1826

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² sic, [William Wall S17179](#)

S/ Francis R Pennell

[Reverse]

Philip Ballard Petition
J Stallings
December 11th 1826
Referred to Claims
1826 December 30
Rejected
1827 January 1 Reported

[another file]

The Petition of Philip Ballard an old Soldier to the Senate & house of Representatives of the State of Virginia Your Petitioner begs leave to represent That he enlisted in the service in the State of Virginia as early as 1775 in what was then called the minute service in Capt. Joseph Spencer's Company from Orange County Virginia who was attached to Col. Talerver [sic] of said County, Regiment, and was from thence marched to Culpeper C. H. [Court House] and then to what was called the great Bridge, at which place your petitioner was engaged in the Battle that took place between the British & Gen. Wolford [sic] after which your Petitioner was discharged, your petitioner then enlisted into the Service for two years in Capt. Burley['s] Company who was commanded by Major Roberds [John Roberts] and Col. Francis Taylor, after the expiration of that time your petitioner enlisted two years more and was attached to Capt. Chapman's company who was Commanded by Major Wails [sic] and Col. Crockett, for which Service your petitioner never received any Compensation (save the first six months above mentioned []). That being old & infirm & unable to support himself without the aid of his fellow mortals, and believing that the Spirit of the good people of the old dominion (Virginia) is such that they will never suffer any of her old revolutionary Soldiers in their last & declining days to be compelled to call on the mercy of the overseers of the Poor of their respective Counties for aid

Your petitioner prays that you will place him on the pension list with such sum as your Honorable body may think reasonable & will ever pray.

Your Philip Ballard Senr.

[Reverse]

The Petition of Philip Ballard praying for a Pension
December 28th 1829
Referred to Revolutionary Claims
G. Stallings