

### **Pension Application for John Ball**

W.23500 (Widow: Rachel) Married December 15, 1784. He died September 3, 1823. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I John Ball aged sixty one years a citizen of the United States born in Pownalborough, now Wiscasset, in the District of Maine, now resident in a place called Carritunk plantation unincorporated in the county of Pemerset in the District aforesaid upon oath testify and declare that in June 1775 I enlisted as a private soldier in the war of the revolution, against the common enemy upon the continental establishment, for the remainder of the eight months service, then now than six months, in Capt Samuel McCott's company and Col. Nixon's regiment of the Massachusetts troops or line.

During this time I marched up the Kennebic River under Gen. Arnold and returned back to Cambridge Massachusetts under Col. Enos, and remained in the service until the last of December 1775 when I was honorably but verbally discharged at Cambridge; and immediately, the first of January 1776, reenlisted into the same service and upon the same establishment, as a private soldier for the period of one year, in the years service, in Capt Adam Wheeler's company and the same Col Nixon's regiment of the same line.

This period I also fully served out and took my final and honorable discharge from the army at Fishkill in the state of New York the last of December 1776 or first part of January 1777. I was in the battle at Harlem heights in May 1777, I again enlisted into Capt Morse company, Col Putnam [?] Regt which I fully served out I enlisted for three years this last period.

From my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support. And I do hereby relinquish all my claim to any pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any; but I am not to my knowledge borne on any pension list whatever. (Signed) John Ball.

May 15, 1818. Nathan Weston, [?] C. Just C. Court. Eastern Circuit.

Letter in folder November 2, 1937, Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Rachel Chamberlain, daughter of John Chamberlain, who was the second wife of John Ball, who was born February 19, 1757 and died September 3, 1823.

The data given herein is shown in pension claim, W.23500, based upon service of John Ball in the Revolutionary War.

John Ball was born in Pownalborough (later Wiscasset) Lincoln County, District of Maine, Massachusetts; the date of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted in June 1775, and served as private in Captain Samuel McCobb's company, Colonel Nixon's Massachusetts regiment until the last of December, re-enlisted immediately and served one year as private in Captain Adam Wheeler's company, Colonel Nixon's Massachusetts regiment, during which he was in the battle of Harlem Heights; he enlisted May 15, 1777, served as private in captain Morse's Company, Colonel Putnam's Massachusetts regiment, was at the taking of Burgoyne

and in the battle of Monmouth, was appointed June 1, 1779, sergeant in Colonel Michael Jackson's 8<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts regiment and served until some time in 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 15, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Carritunk Plantation, Somerset County, District of Maine (then in Massachusetts), He was aged then sixty-one years. The soldier died September 3, 1823, in Concord, Somerset County, Maine.

John Hall married December 15, 1794, in Wiscasset, District of Maine, Rachel Chamberlain, who was born in 1765, in Littleton, Massachusetts; the names of her parents are not shown. The soldier was shown then as John Ball of Balltown, and she was recorded as Rachel Chamberlain of Conde(?) River.

Rachel Ball, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed September 12, 1838, at which time she was a resident of Concord, Somerset County, Maine.

In 1839, soldier's sons, John Ball, aged forty-seven years, and Isaac Ball, lagged thirty-one years, were residents of Concord, Maine. Another son, Daniel was living at home in 1820, at which time he was aged sixteen years.

There are no further data regarding the family of John Ball, the soldier, and his wife, Rachel