

Pension Application for John Ball

W.23500 (Widow: Rachel)

Letter in folder dated November 2, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

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 8th 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