Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Hutchens Burton R1516
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State of Virginia. } SS
Mecklenburg County }

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before George Rogers, Nathaniel Alexander, Richard H. Walters & Wm Birchell the court of Mecklenburg County now sitting Hutchings Burton a resident of Mecklenburg County and State of Virginia, aged sixty eight years, 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. In the month of June in the year 1780 he was drafted and detailed to march to the south, on a tower of six months, under the command of Capt Richard Swepson, Lieutenant John Clay and Ensign Lauglin Fannin. he marched to Hillsborough in the state of North Carolina and there joined the troops under the command of General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], from Hillsborough he marched to the state of South Carolina, and near Camden in South Carolina joined the troops under the command of General [Horatio] Gates, and near Camden in South Carolina the faught a battle with the british Army [16 Aug 1780], in which he was engaged, and after the defeat of General Gates's Army, they again rendezvoused at Hillsborough in the state of North Carolina, and from thence marched into Caswell county and from thence to Guilford Court house in the state of North Carolina aforesaid, and was there discharged, and returned home, in the month of October in the same year
He has no documentary evidence of his ever having entered the service or of his having been discharged from the service, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. he knows of no person by whom he can prove the service aforesaid except Joseph Butler [pension application W3384] whose affidavit is hereto annexed. [signed] Hutchens Burton

The affidavit of Joseph Butler taken in Boydton in the county of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia on the 15th day of October 1832. who being of lawful age and duly Sworn on the Holy evangelist saith, that in the year 1780 he marched in the Army of the united states, to the south that Hutchings Burton served in the same tower of duty, that he has examined the declarations of said Hutchings Burton which are hereto annexed, that the said declarations are strictly correct and true [signed] Joseph Butler Sr