

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Humble S13473

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State of Virginia Frederick County: SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Frederick and State of Virginia at the dwelling house of Moses Russell Esquire – Michael Humble (aged upwards of 76 years) a resident of the said County – (he the said Michael being an old and decrepit man, and unable to attend court without great inconvenience) and being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 "for the relief of the officers and soldiers of the war of the revolution," that he the deponent entered into the service of the United States on or about the first of September 1777 and served until the first of March 1778, that he was drafted in the Militia of Frederick County Virginia and marched from Winchester on said first of September in the company commanded by Captain John Niscwanger [John Niscwanger] – that from Winchester the company marched directly to Fort Pitt, and was there placed under the command of Colonel Gibson (deponent does not recollect the Colonel's Christian name) [probably Colonel John Gibson] remained about three weeks at Fort Pitt, and from thence was marched to Fort Wheeling and remained about four weeks at that Fort, and from thence returned to Fort Pitt, and remained about one week and from thence the company marched back to Winchester, and was there placed as a guard over the British prisoners, to best of deponent's recollection they were called part of prisoners taken with General Burgoyne, They were part of them English, part Scotch and part Hessians. On the said first day of March 1778 this deponent was regularly discharged by the said Captain John Niscwanger: but his discharge is either mislaid or lost, and he is now unable to produce it.

Tour this deponent served was in the month of June 1781, he was drafted to march into the County of Hampshire in Virginia, to quell an insurrection or rebellion, commonly called Claypoles and Brakes rebellion [Claypoole's Rebellion at Brocks River Gap in what is now Hardy County, West VA], the company was commanded by Captain Bell (deponent doth not recollect his Christian name) this tour only lasted about fifteen or twenty days. This expedition was commanded by General Daniel Morgan, Colonel John Smith, Major John Niscwanger and others.

The next and last tour this deponent served was as a guard over the British prisoners at the Winchester Barracks, under Captain Samuel Glass, in this last mentioned service the deponent served about one month, this was in the winter 1782, the prisoners were removed or a part of them from the said barracks, and the deponent marched with the guard in the month of February 1782 to Shepherdstown on the Potomac River, and crossing the Potomac the said

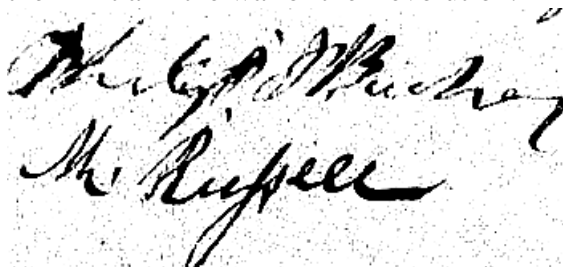
prisoners were delivered into the custody of the Maryland Militia. From this tour of service this deponent was regularly discharge, but which discharge is also mislaid or lost, and he cannot now reduce it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Michael Humble



We Philip P Bucher and Moses Russell do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Michael Humble (there being no clergyman in the neighborhood with whom to said Michael Humble is well acquainted who can certify to the fact of his being reputed a soldier of the revolution) and that we believe that he is of the age he states himself to be, we also know the fact that he was drafted to serve a term in the Militia in the war of the Revolution.



Questions propounded to the applicant by the Magistrate

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer In the state of Maryland within about 11 miles of Frederick town, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1757 according to the account given by my parents.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age in my possession but I suppose it might be found in the Church book of Maryland.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the County of Frederick, in the state of Virginia when called into the service and have lived in said County ever since and still live in the same place.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted, was not a volunteer nor a substitute.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I do not recollect any Continental officers except Colonel Gibson nor do I know to a certainty that [he] was a regular officer, nor do I know that we were joined to any Continental or militia [Regiment] except that commanded by Colonel Gibson, I can only repeat the names of the militia officers under whom I served, John Niscwanger was my Captain, John Barnes was Lieutenant, and Robert Cochran was our Ensign. The general circumstances of my service are detailed in the preceding declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer. I received discharges for the several tours I served, the first from Captain John Niscwanger, the 2<sup>nd</sup> from Captain Bell and the last from Captain Samuel Glass, but

they are all mislaid or lost and I cannot now produce them.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Catharine Bly a woman upwards of 70 years of age can testify as to my absence in the service and Moses Russell Esquire and Philip P Bucher will give their opinion of my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

Catharine Bly a resident of the County of Frederick and state of Virginia aged about seventy-one years being first duly sworn according to law declares that she well recollects when Michael Humble was first drafted to serve in the militia in the War of the Revolution. The tour of service the first time he was out. She this deponent also recollects that the said Michael served another tour against the Tories: She also recollects that he served a tour as one of the guard over the British prisoners at the Winchester Barracks. This deponent believes this was in the winter of 1782.

S/ Catharine Bly, X her Mark

Major Philip P Bucher<sup>1</sup> aged upwards of eighty years a resident of the County of Frederick & State of Virginia being first duly sworn according to law declares that he is well acquainted with Michael Humble, the applicant for a pension, that he knows the fact that he the said Michael was drafted in the war of the Revolution to serve a tour in the Militia of Frederick County, and that he believes the said Michael served out his tour. He the deponent also knows the fact that the said Michael served in the expedition in quelling the Tory insurrection or rebellion commonly called Claypole's Rebellion. He this deponent also believes the said Michael has always borne the character of an honest up right man and a man of veracity.

S/ Philip P Bucher

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 ½ months in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Philip Peter Bucher S8128](#)