

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Butler S3097
Transcribed by Jean Lorenz

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Paid at the Treasury under the Act of 6th April 1838 to 4 March 1839
Agt notified

Date of Death not on C. B.

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East Tennessee

William Butler

of Anderson in the State of Tennessee who was a private in the company Commanded by Capt. Campbell in the regiment commanded by Colonel _____ in the line for 7 months.

Virginia line records corrected...Feb 12

Inscribed on roll of East Tennessee at the rate of 23 dollars and 33 cents per annum to commence the 4th day of March 1834

Certificate of pension issued the 26th day of May 1834 and sent William Butler Olivers P. O. Anderson Co

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Arrears to the 4 th day of March	70.00
Semi-l allowance ending 4 Sept ^r	11.67
	81.67

_____ Revolutionary Claim
Act June 7, 1832

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State of Tennessee

Anderson County

On this first date of April 1834 personally appeared before me , Robert Galbraith, one of the acting Justices of the Peace [unintelligible—blotted?] commissioned and sworn to Hold the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions for said County, William Butler Senior of the County of Anderson, and State of Tennessee, age ninety six years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions 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. He volunteered under Capt. Samuel McCampbell the last of May, 1780 and

returned home the last of September, 1780. I served this tour 4 months after the Indians in the Western part of Virginia. We fortified at a fort then called McDonalds fort on Greenbrier River where we had a small battle with the Indians there was 66 men in Company we never were attached to any other company during the 4 months I served. We had no officers of a higher grade than a Captain, I received a discharge from my Captain but I have lost said discharge or misplaced it as the same cannot now be found. I entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer under Captain Thomas Helems [sic, Thomas Carson Helm] the last of February 1781 marched into the state of North Carolina. I was at the Battle of Guilford [Sic, Guilford Court House) 15th of March 1781 in which battle my Captain was killed. I returned home the last of May 1781. I never received a discharge for this tour but fought the Battle at Guilford [Sic, Guilford Courthouse] under General Green [Sic, Nathanael Greene] and Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Col. Charles Wadkin.¹

I resided in the county Bedford, now Campbell County, Virginia at the time I enlisted in the service, volunteered each time, served in all seven months. I have no Revolutionary evidence and I do not know of any person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. There is no clergyman residing in my neighborhood is the only reason why I did not procure the certificate of one, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(S) William Butler, Senr., X his mark

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We Richard Oliver and Alexander Galbraith residing in the County of Anderson state of Tennessee and in the neighborhood of William Butler, the above applicant hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Butler who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that we believe him to be ninety six years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(S) Richard Oliver

(S) R. Galbraith

And the said Robert Galbraith one of the Justices of the Peace for same County of Anderson State of Tennessee do declare his opinion after the investigation of the matter and putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that this above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states and the said Justice Galbraith further certify that Richard Oliver and Alexander Galbraith who has signed the preceding certificate are citizens residents in the County of Anderson and the State of Tennessee living in the neighborhood of

¹ Note added by Will Graves: I think the veteran confused the names of the officers under whom he served at Guilford Court House. Col. Charles Lynch was the colonel of the Bedford Rifles and is known to have led his regiment at Guilford Court House. One of the captains under Lynch's command was Capt. Thomas Watkins. My guess is that this veteran served under Col. Lynch and Capt. Watkins at Guilford Court House and that, when making his declaration, he confused the two officers' names and said he was under "Col. Charles Wadkin."

William Butler the applicant, and are credible persons and that their statement are entitle to credit
I do further certify that applicant cannot from old age and bodily infirmity attend the court.

(S) Robert Galbraith
Justice of the Peace

State of Tennessee }

Anderson county } I John Jarnagin Clerk of the Court Plea and Quarter Sessions for the said
County certify that the foregoing contains the original proceeding have before Robert Gailbraith
Esq. One of the Justices of the Peace fo the said County and that said Robert Gailbraith is now
and was acting Justice of the Peace in the time of the signing of the forgoing proceeding.
Commissioned and sworn to Hold & at Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County the
same being a Court of record and having a seal of office and his signature forgoing proceeding is
genuine.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Clinton the 14th day of April 1834

(S) John Jarnagin Clerk

Any Communication to the applicant on the above testimonies is requested to be sent to Olivers
P. Office Anderson Co., Tennessee

(S) William Butler