

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Butler S3098

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East Tennessee 26744

Thomas Butler of Anderson Co in the State of Tennessee who was a private in the com
[company] commanded by Captain Callaway of the regiment commanded by
_____ in * the _____ line for 6 months.

*Virginia Line Records corrected

Inscribed on the Roll of East Tennessee at the rate of \$20.00 dollars ----- cents per
annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12 day of May 1834 and Levi Trewhit Morgan CH

Arrears to the 4th of March \$60.00

Semi-an'l allowance ending 4 Sept \$10.00

\$70.00

Revolutionary Claim Act June 7, 1832

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State of Tennessee

Anderson County SS

On the 15th day of April A.D. 1834 personally appeared before the justice of the court of
pleas and quarter pleas for the county of Anderson and State of Tennessee aforesaid it
being a court of record, Thomas Butler aged seventy years who was born in the year of
1763 on the 11th day of November in said year agreeable to record of his age which he
now has and which was transcribed from the original records made by his father which
has been born out some time since and after being duly sworn for that purpose doth upon
his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of
Congress of the 7th June 1832 applicant volunteered and entered the Service of the United
States under the following named officers to wit Capt. John Callaway, 1st Lieutenant
William Callaway 2nd Liet. Bowen Price [sic, Brown Price] Ensign Harry Innis [sic Harry
Innes] as a private horseman: the date of the year can't now be recollected but applicant
believes that it was in 1780 in the fall season of the year tho rendezvoused at new
Loudon and marched to Petersburg. was some short time at Petersburg when General
Lawson [sic, General Robert Lawson] brigade [sic, brigade] came on said Company
joined General Lawson Brigade applicant from old age to consequent loss of memory
can't recollect the No of the regiment or the names of the colonels whos [sic] redgement
[sic] his company was attached to .their said General Lawson Marched for Portsmouth.
Where the British [sic] was then stationed but when General Lawson arrived near
Portsmouth the British [sic] left Portsmouth. General Lawson then turned his course.
Applicant was (?) then from said place near Portsmouth when General Lawson turned his
course marched back home under his aforesaid Captain Callaway and honorably but
verbally discharged. Applicant can't now recollect precisely the length of this tour of

duty but believes that it was not less than three months. Applicant was in no battle or engagement. Applicant again volunteered as a private Malitia [sic] foot man and followed the army when it march for siege of York over took the army above old Jamestown and joined the army and during this tour of duty applicant was under the command of Divers officers. Sometime under Colonel Skipper [sic, Lt Col Henry Skipwith] and sometimes under Col. Tucker [Col St. George Tucker], was marched from Jamestown to Wiliamsburg from Williamsburg to York. Was in the Seige of York and was under the command of Colonel Skipper [Skipwith] the night that the Brittish spiked four of our cannon. Applicant was standing near a man by the name of Vaughn when said Vaughns head was shot off applicant continued in the siege until the surrender of CornWallace [sic, General Cornwallis]. Applicant done *much labors in throwing up Batteries during the siege applicant was below the fort when the Brittish magazine was blown up. Applicant saw the bodys of several Brittish soldiers*¹ blown up at the time of the time of the explosion aforesaid after the Surrender Lord CornWallace [Cornwallis] applicant became unable to serve as a guard over the Brittish Prisoners. Doctor Cogswell gave applicant a certificate showing that he was unable to do duty as a guard over the Brittish prisoners this was the only written discharge that applicant received applicant had during the siege done much forteague [sic, fatigue] duty he done fortiague [fatigue] duty as well for other as for himself the above named certificate has long since been loss. Applicant cannot now recollect the precise length of this tour of duty but the length of his service in the 'Revolutionary Was was not less then six months applicant has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom can prove his absolute service applicant served with a certain William Doss now a citizen of Fentriss County, Tennessee, in the Siege of York. Whos deposition he here with exhibits for inspection it being the only evidence that applicant is able to adduce of his absolute service applicant was born in the State of Maryland, Frederick County, Applicant parents moved from Maryland when applicant was very young to Bedford County, VA and resided in Bedford until cut off into Campbell resided in Campbell until he moved to Anderson County, TN when he now resides applicant can prove his Character for truth and veracity and a soldier of the Revolution by Charles Y. Oliver Sam'l Gailbraith, Richard Oliver his neighbors generally has no doubt but he can also prove it by James Stenidifer [sic, James Israel Standifer²] a member now in Congress. Applicant hereby relinquishes every other claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares thus his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state applicant states there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood therefore it is out of his [power] to obtain the certificate of one.

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² STANDIFER, James Israel, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Virginia, probably in 1782; attended the common schools and was graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; elected as a Jackson Republican to the Eighteenth Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first through Twenty-third Congresses, reelected as an Anti-Jacksonian to the Twenty-fourth Congress, and elected as a Whig to the Twenty-fifth Congress and served from March 4, 1829, until his death near Kingston, Tenn., August 20, 1837, while on his way to Washington, D.C.; interment in the Baptist Cemetery, Kingston, Tenn. Bibliography :Byas, Stephen D. "James Standifer, Sequatchie Valley Congressman." *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 50 (Summer 1991): 90-97.
<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=S000789>

Sworn to subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

John Jarnigen Clerk

Thomas Butler

We Charles Y Oliver and Samuel Gailbraith residing in the same county and neighborhood of Thomas Butler do hereby certify that we are alike acquainted with him the said Thomas Butler Who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy 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 to and subscribed in open court

Sam'l Galbraith

The day and Year aforesaid

C Y Oliver

John Jarnagin Clerk

State of Tennessee Fentress County

On this the 9th Day of December 1833 personally appeared before me Robert H. Richardson one of the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County aforesaid William Doss³ late a pensioner of the United States aged nearly 70 years who resides in said County a man of Entire credibility & veracity and after being Duly Sworn on his oath States that he is well acquainted with Thomas Butler of Anderson County Tennessee and lived in Bedford County Virginia During the Revolutionary War Witness living in Buckingham County Virginia but 4 or 5 miles apart. Witness knows of said Butler serving as a soldier at the siege at York in the United States Army. Witness and said Butler returned from your together. Butler stayed all night with witness in Buckingham on their return from York and then Butler kept on toward home in Bedford County in said State. Witness well knew said Butler before & after the said War. Witness has not seen said Butler for many years, but has no hesitation that he is the identical Thomas Butler that [document image is cut off here—this document is not included in the HeritageQuest version of this application.]

³ FPA W9404