

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Buckner S37804

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State of Virginia

Washington County

On this 20th day of October 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County aforesaid William Buckner now resident in said county aged sixty nine years the 4th day of July 1829 who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. that the said William Buckner enlisted for the term of eighteen months, in the fall of the year 1780 about the month of September in the State of Virginia at Pittsylvania Courthouse by Captain Charles Burton, marched from thence to Petersburg in Virginia, where he was placed under the command of Colonel [John] Gibson, that they then were transferred to South Carolina, and were placed under the command of Captain Isaac Webb in the corps commanded by Colonel Stephens belonging to the seventh Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps until the winter of the year 1781 when he was discharged from the service, about the last of February some days before the expiration of the term aforesaid at Calder's old store near Taylor's Ferry on big Roanoak [sic: Roanoke River], by the said Captain Isaac Webb. that he was at the Siege of ninety six [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May – 19 June 1781] and in several skirmishes during the term of his services; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. that his name is not on the roll of any State, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. that for some years past he has lived in Carter County Tennessee in a part of the country but thinly inhabited, and that he did not know of the passage of the act of Congress allowing pensions to the soldiers of the Revolution until about three or four years past, when he applied to Mr. Blair a member of Congress from that district who informed him what proof was necessary for him to make in order to obtain the pension, having lost his discharge and knowing of no proof that he could then procure, he made not application – that he has since removed to the County of Washington in the state of Virginia and with the assistance of a friend, has been enabled to go to the State of Kentucky where he procured the affidavit of Joshua Mullins [pension application W25671] and Edward Polly [W9236] which accompany this declaration. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 no change has been made in my property having previous to that time lost my wife and my family having all left me, I had not then, nor have I now any property other than my wearing apparel

[signed] W Buckner

State of Kentucky }

Perry County to wit }

This day personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid, Joshua Mullins and made oath that in the fall of the year 1780 about the month of September this affiant together with Edward Polly and William Buckner enlisted for the Term of eighteen months at Pittsylvania Courthouse in the State of Virginia by Capt. Charles Burton that they

marched from thence under the command of the said Burton to Petersburg in virginia, and were placed under the command of Colonel Gibson, that they were transferred to South Carolina and were placed under the command of Capt. Isaac Webb in the corps commanded by Colonel Stephens belonging to the seventh Regiment in the line of the state of Virginia on Continental establishment. that they continued in the said service until the Winter of 1781 and that they were discharged the 28th day of February some days before the expiration of the term aforesaid at Chalders or Calders old store near Taylors Ferry on big Roanoak by the said Capt Isaac Webb. This affiant states that the said William Buckner was constantly in the service aforesaid during the period aforesaid, that he and this affiant and the said Edward Polly enlisted together, served their Term together and were discharged together

And further this affiant saith not.

Joshua hisXmark Mullins

Edward Polly also made oath that he enlisted and was discharged at the time mentioned in the affidavit of Joshua Mullins, that the said Mullins and William Buckner also enlisted and were discharged at the times and place stated by said Mullins, that the said William Buckner was constantly in the service from the time of his enlistment until his discharge aforesaid. This affiant concurs with the said Mullins in the other facts stated in his affidavit. And further this affiant saith not.

Edward hisXmark Polly