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Pension Application of Philip Peter Bucher S8128

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Virginia, Frederick County Sct.

On this fourth day of November personally appeared in open court, before the court of Frederick county, in the state of Virginia, now sitting Philip Peter Bucher a resident of the said county of Frederick and state of Virginia aged eighty one years in the month of June last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit for the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the latter end of July 1777 or perhaps the beginning of August, he this deponant was drafted to serve a three months tour in the militia, which were called out from the county of Frederick & State aforesaid – that Capt. James Wilson commanded the company the company to which this deponant belonged. Colo. Marquis Calmes commanded the regiment and Robt. White [Robert White] was our Maj'r. The company marched from Winchester in Virginia about the first of August 1777 and this deponant was appointed by his Capt. orderly sergeant and continued to serve as such during the tour, which tour was fully three months. There were two other companies of Militia, one commanded by Cap. Wm. Helm [William Helm], the other by Cap. Barnett (Barnett's christian name deponant does not recollect). It was called a regement of Virginia Militia. The regement crossed the Potomac at Harper's Ferry passed through Frederick Town in the state of Maryland passed through TanyTown in Maryland, McAllisters town in Pennsylvania – Little York – Lancaster, from thence through a little village called Runstown [Reamstown?], crossed Schuylkill river to Reading Pennsylvania, halted at Reding and rested a few days, from thence we marched and joined the Culpeper Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] & Loudon [sic: Loudoun] Militia within about sixteen miles of Philadelphia (this deponant does not recollect the names of the counties he marched through in Pennsylvania) and continued in that neighbourhood untill he was discharged by Cap. Wilson – his discharge has been lost or destroyed & he is not now able to produce it.

He this deponant further declares, that in the month of July 1781 he was again drafted to serve a tour of three months in the militia called out from the said county of Frederick in Virginia and that he served this tour under Cap. Samuel Gilkison [sic: Samuel Gilkeson or Samuel Gilkerson] and marched through the counties of Fauquere, Stafford, Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania], Caroline, Hanover, New Kent, crossing Pomonky river [sic: Pamunkey River] at Ruffins ferry [near Sweet Hall], and joined that part of the American army commanded by Gen'l. De la Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette]. the regement to which this deponant belonged was commanded by Colo. William Darke. this deponant was detached to serve on the lines and was commanded by Cap. William George, who was under the command of Maj. Reid an officer of the regular army. The British were then in possession of Williamsburgh, but upon the approach of Maj'r. Reid with his detachment the British retreated and Reid with his detachment passed through Williamsburgh and halted about three hours, the British made their appearance but immediately retreated. Here Reid was joined by Gen'l. Mulenburghs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] brigade. The army moved down to the main British picket, took three prisoners and drove in the picket and from thence returned to Williamsburg, where we encamped on college green for several days. From this place this deponant was detached to Burwells point on York river and there a skirmish took place between the British and American pickets in which several armed boats on each side were engaged in which skirmish two of the American armed boats were taken by the British one of which was burnt by the British. From thence this deponant returned to the main encampment, and was placed again under the command of Colo. Darke and remained under his command untill his time expired. This deponant served thirteen days over his time (for which he was drafted) as a volunteer. During this time this deponant acted as a

sergeant and was discharged by Cap Ashby which discharge is lost or mislaid

This deponent further declares that shortly before he was called out in the tour just described he this deponent was one of the volunteers who turned out under the command of Colo. Smith [John Smith, pension application S6114] & Gen'l. Daniel Morgan to quell the tory insurrection in the county of Hampshire [sic: Hampshire] (now Hardy) commonly called Claypoles [sic: John Claypoole's] rebellion in the month of June 1781, for the tour against the tories no written discharges were given He hereby relinquishes all 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 or territory

1 Question by the Court. Where and what year were you born?

Answer. I was born on the Opequon in the county of Frederick and state of Virginia on the 5th June 1751 according to the record of my age

2 Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Ans. Yes I have a record of my age in my own house written in the German language in a German sermon book.

3 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 when called into service, I have lived in the same county my whole life except when in the service

4th. 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 twice drafted, was not a substitute, twice volunteered as stated in the foregoing narrative
5th. 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 The deponent refers the court to his narrative of facts in the foregoing general statements

6th. 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 a discharge signed by Cap James Wilson for my first tour of service; for my second tour I received a discharge from Cap. Ashby by the order of Colo. Darke, Cap. Gilkison having left the service before I was discharged [see <http://revwarapps.org/s45893.pdf>]; Both of which discharges have been mislaid or lost, and deponent is not now able to produce them

7th. 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer. Moses Russell Esqr. will prove my services, and Joseph Hotzenbiller knows the fact of my services in the second tour
[signed] Philip P. Bucher

Frederick County Virginia November 16th 1832

Mr. Philip P Bucher has applied to me to certify my recollections of his militia services during the revolutionary war. I therefore state as follows – Mr. Bucher has stated that he was drafted to serve a tour of duty in the continental army in the year 1777 & that he marched to the army under Col. Calmes and Maj'r. White the army at that time being in the Sate of Pensylvania. I well recollect to have detached a corps of militia as stated by Mr. Bucher & that they served until properly discharged, but cannot at this distant of time designate the individuals who composed it. He states likewise to have served under Gen'l. Morgan & myself to suppress an insurrection on the waters of the Potowmac, under a man by the name of Clapole, in the County of Hampshire. This service I performed but can recollect but few of the individuals who formed the corps He states also that he marched under Cap't. Sam'l. Gilkinson and joined the army under Gen'l. Fayette. That Cap Gilkenson marched & joined the army under Gen'l.

Faette, I know for I marched part of the way with him, but my recollection will not admit to any thing more. I give this as County Lieut of Frederick during the revolutionary war [signed] John Smith