

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Buley (Bewley): W27576

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State of Maryland} Ss.

Dorchester County}

On this 9th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County now sitting George Buley a resident of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland aged about 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the Sate of Maryland to the best of his recollection on the 10th day of March 1781. That he enlisted at a small Town in the State and County aforesaid, called and known by the name of East New Market for the term of nine months, that about two weeks after he had enlisted he was taken to the Western Shore of the aforesaid State, and attached to Captain David Lynn's company which he thinks belonged to the 4th Maryland regiment, that he was then taken to little York and there remained untill after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [on 19 Oct 1781], and the forces under his command as prisoners of War to Gen'l. Washington, from thence he assisted in guarding a number of Prisoners to (he thinks) Fredericksburg in Virginia from thence he was marched to Annapolis where on the 3^d of December 1781. he was discharged just seven days before his nine months had expired

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state or if any only on that of the agency of the state of Maryland ~

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st. Where and in what year were you born

Answer In Prince George's County in the State of Maryland about the year 1761. precise time not known

2^d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have none

3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

Answer In Dorchester County State of Maryland

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 a volunteer, and enlisted as stated in my declaration

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 I have often seen Gen'l. Washington & [William] Smallwood, and many other noble officers whoes names time has effaced from my memory. I however will remember my old Captain David Lynn, who is the only officer ever of our own company whoes name I recollect As to the gen'l. circumstances of my services see my declaration, where all I now remember is recounted

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so what has become of it and by whom was it signed

Answer I received a discharge at Annapolis Maryland, but cannot say by whom it was signed for being young and careless I have long since lost it

7th State the names of persons in your present neighbourhood to whom you are known, who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behaviour, your services as a soldier

Answer Samuel LeCompte & Thomas Breerwood Esq'r can testify as to my character for veracity &c as to my services in the Revolution I have no other evidence than the accompanying certificate from the land office of this state and my solemn oath

Sworn and subscribed this 9th day of Ap'l. 1833 George hisXmark Buley

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On this twenty-first day of September, 1855, before the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Grace Bewley, free colored woman, a resident of Baltimore City, in the State of Maryland, and made oath that she is the widow of George Bewley, a free colored man, who was a private in the company of Capt. David Linn, in the Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Woolford, in the Revolutionary war. She further declares that she is now a pensioner of the United States, and that the evidence of her husband's enlistment and discharge with the time of his service, and also the proof of her marriage, are on record in the U. S. Pension office, as she believes. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled, as widow of the said George Bewley, under the act of 1853.

Grace her+mark Bewley

NOTE: On 10 July 1855 Grace Bewley, 59, applied for a pension stating that she married George "Bewley" on 18 June 1824 at Cambridge MD, and he died at Shoal Creek near Cambridge on 15 Aug 1836. On 20 May 1872 Shadrach Cromwell, 80 years old and the only brother and heir of Grace Bewley, stated that she moved from Baltimore to Dorchester County and died 1 March 1872.