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Pension application of John Buckaloe (Buckalew) R1391

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The State of Alabama Marengo County: SS

On this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord 1834 Personally appeared before the Honorable Henry W Collier Presiding Judge of said Court John Buckalew a resident Citizen of said County & State aged about Seventy Eight 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he lived at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War in Edgefield District in the State of South Carolina and first volunteered to serve as a Soldier in the year not now recollected, but it was at the first raising of troops in South Carolina; he this time served under Captain Purvis [John Purvis] in a Regiment commanded by General Andrew Williamson. Afterwards Captain Purvis was Promoted to be Colonel in the same Regiment and John Minter succeeded as Captain of the Company in which this applicant Served, Joseph Lewis was Lieutenant and Henry Keys was Ensign of the Same. He with the troops this time to the neighborhood of Saint Augustine¹ where they remained a Short time and were then marched to Midway Meeting house near the Ogeechee River in the State of Georgia where the troops were disbanded and this applicant returned home, having served this tour more than three months. About three months after he returned home this applicant again volunteered to Serve in a Rifle Company of horse under Captain Jefferson Williams and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Purvis under Andrew Williamson. He was this time marched with his company from Edgefield District to the neighborhood of Orangeburg in South Carolina and was engaged in frequent skirmishes while on scouting parties. After being in service 3 months mostly in the vicinity of Orangeburg the troops were discharged and this applicant again returned home where he remained but a short time – when he again volunteered in a rifle Company of horse commanded by Captain Francis Sinkfield [Francis Sinquefield] of this company Rolly Robuck [Rawley Roebuck or Robert Roebuck] was Lieutenant and Ezekiel Robuck [Ezekiel Roebuck] Ensign they were attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Heri Hammond [? LeRoy Hammond?] under the command of General Williamson. He volunteered for three months this time and was stationed at Liberty Hill in South Carolina. The Company to which this affiant belonged was during this service frequently engaged across the river Savannah in Scouting Parties in the State of Georgia and he was with them in many Skirmishes and in one Battle which was fought on Rocky Comfort in the same State where Major Ross [Francis Ross]²

¹ Veteran appears to be describing his participation in the 1st Florida Expedition in 1776.

<http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution09.html>

² Francis Ross (1744-1779) served as a captain under Col. Thomas Neel on the Cherokee Expedition in the summer of 1776. Moss, *Roster*, p. 831. In the spring of 1779, Ross was wounded in a skirmish with the Cherokees and died

was killed. At the expiration of the time for which they were called out the troops were discharged and this applicant returned home. He served this time three months. After being home a few days he went into the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina and after a short time he volunteered in a horse company sometime in the year 1778 as well as he recollects under Captain James Harris, who was shortly afterwards Promoted to be a Major, and succeeded by Captain Thomas Ray, Oliver Wiley Lieutenant and John Lemons Ensign. He was attached to the Army commanded by General William Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and was marched down near Camden. He was engaged all the time in Scouting Parties. He first volunteered for three months but then became such necessity for the service of troops that he was engaged in Service as a soldier until the battle of Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781]. He was a Sergeant from the time of his becoming a volunteer at Mecklenburg until the termination of his Service at Guilford which was two years Service and more. After he had been in service about four months he was engaged in the battle at the hanging rock [August 6, 1780] in the edge of South Carolina. General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] commanded them. We had been detached from the Army of General Davidson to join General Sumter. We were defeated at Hanging Rock and returned back to the Army under General Davidson; we were on this expedition six days. Some months after, this applicant, still continuing an acting as Sergeant in the Company in which he volunteered in at Mecklenburg was engaged in the battle fought at Tools Ford on the Catawba River. Here General Davidson was killed.³ we retreated from the Catawba [River] to Guilford and joined the Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] a few days before the battle at the Court House. He was engaged in this battle and shortly afterwards in a few Scouting Parties when the company to which he belonged was disbanded and put an end to his services in the Revolutionary War. He was, from the time of his volunteering at Mecklenburg as before stated until he was discharged at the Battle of Guilford more than two years in continual and active Service. He had before served as already stated nine months, making his whole service two years and nine months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the Present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any State.

Questions Propounded by the [court]

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Loudoun County [Loudoun County] Virginia. My father died in the revolutionary war & all the records of my age were lost, so that I cannot tell the year.

Question 2nd: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have no record. I recollect that I was sixteen years of age when I first volunteered in South Carolina.

Question 3rd: Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living when I first volunteered in Edgefield District South Carolina, I became a Soldier the last time in Mecklenburg County North Carolina – I afterwards lived in Edgefield until 1801 when I moved to Christian County in the State of Kentucky where I resided four years & then moved to Pike County in the State of Mississippi where I have lived about seven years from thence to Clark County in this State where I lived one year & then moved to this County are Marengo where I now live.

Question 4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you

from his wounds on March 31, 1779. William A. Graham. *General Joseph Graham and His Papers on North Carolina Revolutionary History*, Raleigh: 1904.

³ William Lee Davidson was killed at the battle of Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781.

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

a Substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Answer: – I volunteered

Question 5. 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 Services?

Answer: I know of none except those that I have already stated. I served under General Williamson three times in the State of South Carolina – also under General Sumter at the Battle of Hanging Rock, when I with others was detached from the Army of General Davidson under whom I served until he was killed at the Battle at Tools Ford on the Catawba River. I afterwards fought at the battle of Guilford Court House under General Greene. The only Regiments of which I have any recollection or those which I served as already stated. We were generally called out for three months, & I served nine months in South Carolina; in my last service when I volunteered at Mecklenburg North Carolina I served more than two years. The exigency of the case required this service during all this time I was in no civil employment but engaged as a volunteer in Continual active service.

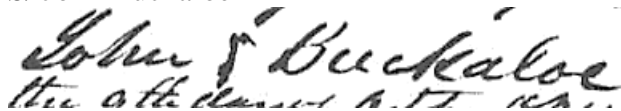
Question 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: – I never received a discharge that I recollect of. Our Companies were disbanded when the time of Service for which they were required was at an end without any discharge being given.

Question 7. – 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: – John Rain, Esquire, Thomas Anderson, Henry Chiles, Thomas Ringgold Esquire
Sworn and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Buckaloe

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Buckaloe". Below the signature, there is a faint line of text that appears to be "the 9th day of Oct. 1834".

[Hugh McPhaill, a clergyman, Thomas Anderson and Henry Chiles gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Another version

Pension Application of John Buckaloe, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll ____, R1391

Transcribed by Nancy Poquette

Marengo County, Alabama }

On the 9th day of October in the year 1834, personally appeared before the honorable Henry W. Collier, presiding judge of said court, John Buckaloe, a resident citizen of said county, state, aged about 78 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration...:

“That he lived, at the commencement of the Revolutionary War in Edgefield District in the state of South Carolina, and first volunteered to serve as a soldier in the year not now recollect, but it was at the first raising of troops in South Carolina. He, this time, served under Captain Purvis in a regiment commanded by Genl Andrew Williamson. Afterwards, Captain Purvis was promoted to be a colonel in the same regiment, and John Minter succeeded as captain of the company in which this applicant served, Joseph Lewis was Lieutenant, and Henry Keys was ensign of the same. He with the troops this time to the neighborhood of St. Augustine where

they remained a short time and were then marched to Midway Meeting House near the Ogeechee River in the state of Georgia, where the troops were disbanded and this applicant returned home, having this tour served more than three months.

About three months after he returned home, this applicant again volunteered to serve in a rifle company of horse under Captain Jefferson Williams and was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Purvis under General Andrew Williamson. He was this time marched with his company from Edgefield District to the neighborhood of Orangeburg in South Carolina and was engaged in frequent skirmishes while on scouting parties. After being in service this month mostly in the vicinity of Orangeburg, the troops were discharged and this applicant again returned home where he remained but a short time.

...When he again volunteered in a rifle company of horse commanded by Captain Francis Sinkfield [sic, Francis Sinquefield]. Of this company, Rolly Roebuck [sic, Rawley Roebuck] was lieutenant, and Ezekiel Roebuck-ensign. They were attached to a regiment commanded by Heri Hammond [sic, LeRoy Hammond] under the command of General Williamson. He volunteered for three months this time and was stationed at Liberty Hill in South Carolina. The company to which this applicant belonged was frequently engaged across the River Savannah in scouting parties in the state of Georgia, and he was with them in many skirmishes and one battle which was fought on Rocky Comfort, in the same state, where Major Ross [Francis Ross] was killed. At the expiration of the time for which they were called out, the troops were discharged and this applicant returned home. He served this time three months.

After being home a few days, he went into the county of Mecklenburg in the state of North Carolina and after a short time, he volunteered in a horse company sometime in the year 1778, as well as he recollects, under Captain James Harris, who was shortly afterwards promoted to be a major, and succeeded by Captain Thomas Ray, Oliver Wiley, Lieutenant, and John Lemons ensign. He was attached to the army commanded by General William Davidson and was marched down near Camden. He was [Next page is missing from heritagequestonline.]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Questions propounded by the [court]

1. Where, and in what year were you born? "I was born in Loudon County, Virginia. My father died in the Revolutionary and all the records of my age were lost, so that I cannot tell the year."
1. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? "I have no record. I recollect that I was sixteen years of age when I first volunteered in South Carolina."
1. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? "I was living when I was first volunteered in Edgefield District, South Carolina. I became a soldier the last time in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. I afterwards lived in Edgefield until 1801, when I moved to Christian County in the state of Kentucky where I resided four years and then moved to Pike County in the state of Mississippi where I lived about seven years, from thence to Clarke County in this state where I lived one year and then moved to this

county, Marengo, where I now live.”

1. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom? “I volunteered.”

1. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops were you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. “I know of none except those that I have already stated. I served under General Williamson three times in the state of South Carolina. Also under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] at the Battle of Hanging Rock, where I, with others, was detached from the army of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] under whom I served until he was killed in the Battle at Tool’s Ford on the Catawba River. I afterwards fought at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse under General Greene. The only regiments of which I have any recollection are those which I served as already stated. We were generally called out for three months, and I served nine months in South Carolina; in my last service when I volunteered at Mecklenburg, North Carolina, I served more than two years. The exigency of the case required this service during all the time I was in no civil employment, but engaged as a volunteer in continual active service.

1. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? “I never received a written discharge that I recollect of. Our companies were disbanded when the time of service for which they were required was at an end, without any discharge being given.”

7. 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. “John Rains, Esq., Thomas Anderson, Henry Chiles, Thomas Ringgold, Esq.
Sworn and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid. S/ John Buckaloe