Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Buckley R1406 Catharine Buckley VA
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The State of Ohio }

Clark County $\,$ SS On this 2^{nd} day of November 1840 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas of the County aforesaid Cathrin Buckley of said County who being first Duly sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7^{th} 1838 Entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows

That she is the widow of Abraham Buckley who was a private enlisted in the army under Captain Thomas Berry [VAS2498; company raised in Frederick County VA] for two years and marched to South Carolina [at the time of the Battle of Sullivans Island, 28 Jun 1776] and was there taken sick and his Company left him when he got well he came home and staid a short time and then again joined the army and marched to Fort Pitt where he served 18 months to the best of my recollection he got his Discharge from Colonel Campbell making in all three years and six months he never received any pay either in money or land he gave his Discharge to General [Daniel] Morgan for the purpose for him the said Morgan to get his pay and also his land Morgan observed when my husband gave him his Discharge if such men as him did not is [get?] that the old soldiers wanted, who would, but he never gave my husband either money or land or returned the him his Discharge She further Declares that she was married to the said Abraham Buckley on or about the Month of august (1774) one thousand seven hund seventy four and that her husband Abraham Buckley Died 17th October 1807 and that she was not Married to him prior to his leving the service [sic] but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 Viz at the time above stated And I also Declare that I was never afterwards married She further saith that the time he entered the service he resided in the County of Frederick and State of virginia Catharn herXmark Buckley

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 4th day of April 1783, in the name of Abram Buckley as a Soldier of Infantry for £49.12.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Gen'l Morgan and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 25th day of November 1847. Jas E Heath AUDITOR.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

Virginia Frederick County to wit:

William Kingore [S38122] this day made oath before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid that he was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, that he knew Abraham Buckley who died several years ago in the said County that he the said Abraham Buckley enlisted in the army of the United States some time in the year 1776 under Capt. Thomas Berry for two years and that he served for the term of two years for this affiant saw the said Buckley immediately after his discharge he belonging while in the service to the eighth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo Peter Muhlenberg [BLWt1495-850]. And I do certify that the said William Kingore is a person of credibility. Given under my hand the 2nd[?] day of February 1831 [signature illegible]

Virginia Frederick County to wit.

Catharine Buckley this day made oath before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid that Abraham Buckley after having served two years in the Revolutionary War as stated in the affidavit of William Kingore went again into the army and served for the term of eighteen months in the corps that marched to Fort Pitt and that he got his discharge from Colonel Campbell; that the said Abraham Buckley lost his Discharge and applied to Gen'l. Morgan who informed him that he would get his back pay and his bounty land but that he never got either during his life time; nor has his heirs since his death received either pay or land that was due to the said Abraham Buckley for his services in the Revolutionary War. And I do certify that the said Catharine Buckley is a person of credibility. Given under my hand the 25th day of July 1831

John W. Page

NOTES:

Catharine Buckley stated that Gen. Morgan promised to collect the back pay due to her husband, but that her husband never received it. The transcribed certificate shows that Morgan did receive the back pay for a soldier with the same name. This apparent discrepancy led the Pension Office to require further proof that her husband was the same Abraham Buckley as the soldier, which she apparently did not provide.

On 21 Mar 1848 Elizabeth Buckley applied unsuccessfully for a federal pension on behalf of herself and the other children of Catharine Buckley, who died in Donalsville OH on 20 Jan 1841. The other children were listed as Hannah Kingore of Donalsville, Catharine Turner of Cambridge OH, and Mary Brown also of Cambridge. Her mother's maiden name was Catherine McLaughlin. Amos Kingore stated that Catharine Buckley died at his home