

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements &
Rosters**

Pension application of Butler, Benjamin S3096 fn22VA
Transcribed by Jean Lorenz 12/8/09
Paid at the Treasury under the Act of 6th April 1838 from 4 Sept 1838 to 4 March 1839
Agt notified 2 April 1840

Date of Death not on C. B.

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West Tennessee
Benjamin Butler
of Henderson in the State of Tennessee who was a Private in the Company Commanded
by Captain Ward of the Reg'l commanded by Colonel Slaughter in the Virginia
line for 7 months.

Inscribed on the Roll of West Tennessee at the rate of 23 dollars 33 cents per annum
commence on the 4th day of March 1831

Certificate of pension issued 6th day of June 1834 and sent _____
C. Dunlap House of Reps

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Arrears to the 4 th day of March 1836	69.99
Semi-an'l, allowance ending 4 Sept "	<u>11.69</u>
	<u>\$81.66</u>

_____ Revolutionary Claim
Act June 7, 1832

Recorded by D D Addison Clerk Book ____ 2 vol. 6 page 82

The Declaration of Benjamin Butler a Citizen and resident of the County of Henderson in
the State of Tennessee in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the Act of
Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On the 15th day of April 1834 pensioner appeared Benjamin Butler ages sixty nine
years on the 7th day of January last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on
his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision of
trhe Act of Congress proposed 6-7-1832:

This Declarant states that in the month of February 1781 the day of the month not
now recollected he entered service of the United States as a Private drafted Militia
Soldier from the County of Culpepper [sic, Culpeper] in the State of Virginia for the term
of three months in the Regiment of Culpepper Militia commanded by Colonel James

Slaughter, his Captain was John Ward, his Lieutenant was by the name of William Lightfoot, his Major was Phillip Lightfoot. This regiment marched from Culpepper Co and joined General Mulenburg [sic, Peter Muhlenberg, also spelled Muhlenburg] Brigade below Sandy Point on James River moving before and joined General Mulenburg fallen in with several Regiments at Fredrickburg at Sandy Point we crossed James River and marched on to Petersburg upon the Appomatrix [sic, Appomattox] where we had a Battle and were compelled to retreat to Chesterfield Court House from thence we crossed James River and marched above Richmond marched on below Richmond and was joined by General Edward Stevens Brigade. General Mulenburg's Brigade marched on back to James River after the Battle of Peterburg as well as this Declarant now recollect and from which Colonel Slaughter regiment separated and debeached as before stated and marched on to Richmond from thence we moved on above the town twenty or thirty mile, being closely pursued by the enemy where we were discharged having been relieved by other troops. The Regiment and officers of whom they being militia I have now no recollection of. This Declarant states that he was discharged by Colonel James Slaughter his Colonel as before stated above testimonies and which discharge he has long since lost since supposing that it would have been of any benefit to him. This tour of service lasted three months.

This decendant states on his return to Culpepper County the place of his nativity he was in the month of June 7 of the same year 1781 again drafted for the term of three months into the Regiment of Culpepper Militia as a Private militia soldier and which regiment was commanded by Col. John Slaughter, the Brother of his former Colonel, his Major was by the name of Gabriel Long, his Capt was by the name of ____ Yancy [Yancey?], his Lieutenant was by the name of James Brooks. This regiment marched in from Culpepper and joined the main army of America and France below Richmond on James River. The Regular Generals of the army General Wahington Commander in Chief, Count Rochambeau, The Marquis de Lafayette the other officers has now no recollection. This declarant having served only on month in the regiment of Volunteers under the command of Colonel – [illegible word] Major Gabriel Long also volunteered and was our Major. William Broadus was our other Major. This declarant states that he had no recollection of any of his other officers for the men comprising this regiment acted all together as scouts and the companies of the same were alternately commanded by different officers. This declarant was in the Regiment for two months it being the balance of the term of his term three month tour. This Regiment was detailed off and marched to Williamsburg it being a regiment of scouts it was constantly on the march and can not be said to be stationary at any one point. Below Williams Burgh we again joined the Grand Army of America and France and marched on to Little York Virginia when the regiment joined the Grand Army at or below Williamsburg his second Tour of three months had expired.

In the latter part of August or first of September the Declarant again entered into service of the US below Williamsburg as a substitute for his Brother William Butler as a Private soldier but the Regiment or the Colonel of the regiment not now recollected. The Majors of this regiment were Welch and Hardiman¹. In this regiment, this declarant states that he only served two months having been taken sick at Little York and sent home whether with or without a discharge he does not recollect. He states that he was at

¹ The War Department interpreted this name as "Hardyman."

the Siege of Little York where the army of his Country gloriously triumphed over the enemy. In those three tours this Declarant served only as Militia Private Soldier. This Declarant states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood nor does he know of any who can testify as to his reputation of being a Soldier of the Revolution. He has therefore applied to two respectable citizens of high credibility when he prays may satisfy the war Department to wit.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any state sworn and subscribed to the days and your aforesaid.

(s) Benjamin Butler

E. H. Tarrant Clk
Circuit Court
Henderson County
Questions by the Court

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in the month of January 1765 in the County of Culpepper and the State of Virginia.

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

Answer I have a record of my age at home transcribed into my Bible from my Father's

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

Answer When called into service I lived in the County of Culpepper about two years after the war I moved to Lawrence [sic, Laurens] District in the State of South Carolina and from thence removed to Richmond County Georgia and thence back to South Carolina in Newberry District lived there one year and removed to Abbeville District in the same state and resided there for many years and from thence to Davidson County in the State of Tennessee and from thence Williamson County in the same state and there into Carroll County in the state and lastly into the County of Henderson my present residence

Question 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or serve again at substituted if so for who

Answer In my tour under Colonel James Slaughter I was drafted ~~militia in my tour. I was drafted~~ likewise in my second tour under Colonel John Slaughter in ____ In my third tour which though for three months and ~~ended~~ in which I served only two months, having been taken sick at Little York so I went home. I was a substitute for my brother William Butler.

Question 5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served. I ask Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and of the general circumstances of your service.

Answer The regular officers with whom I served after joining the main Army were Generals Washington, Commander in Chief, ~~Rochester~~ Rochambeau La Fayette and Colonel Trammel, the Adjutant General of the American Army and who fell before Little York in storming one of the Bastions was taken prisoner and died of his wounds my own militia officers under whom I served in all three tours as well as the circumstances of my service are regularly detailed in the Body of this Declarant and to which I now refer the Department.

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

Answer In my first tour under Colonel James Slaughter I received a discharge likewise in my second tour under Colonel John Slaughter also received a discharge form as to my third time I have no recollection whatever whether I did or didn't receive a discharge. I was taken sick as before stated sent home in one of the Waggons attending on the army.

Question 7th State the name of Persons to whom you have know in your present neighborhood and can testify to your character for veracity and these beliefs of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer Living as I do here near the dividing line of the Counties of Carrol and Henderson I can refer you to William Burton Esqr. Chairman of the County Court of Henderson County, William Black a Deputy Sheriff at the same county. Zackariah M. Wilson, William Carrington Esquire an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for the same county and in the county Carrol to Theophebus Morgan and many others should it be necessary—

[William H. Burton and William Carrington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Col Slaughter – (James Slaughter) 3 months Pvt tradition

Capt Ward (John Ward)

Col Slaughter - (John Slaughter) 1 month Pvt

Capt Yancy see notes i

Col Dick 2 Pvt

Maj Welch 2 Pvt

Maj Hardyman

Laurens District S. C. about 2 years after war - about 1785

Richmond County GA ?

Newberry District SC 1 yr ?

Abbeville District many years

Then to

Davidson County, Williamson County, Carroll County and Henderson County Tennessee received pension in 1836 resided in Henderson CO, TN