

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Butler W5948

Molly Butler

VA

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State of Virginia

County of Westmoreland towit

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1849 personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for said County, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Molly Butler a resident of said County of Westmoreland, aged eighty years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress, passed, July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1843, 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844, and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1848.

That she is the widow of John Butler who was a Sergeant Majer in Capt Christopher Roanes [Christopher Roane, pension application X635] Company of Artillery in the Army of the Revolution. That she has no documentary evidence of her husbands services nor does she know of any person now living who can testify to his rank and service: nor does she know anything of her own knowledge when he entered or left the service; all she knows in relation to the matter, she learned from her husband and others during his life, and distinctly recollects to have heard him repeatedly say, that he was in Captain Roans Company as before stated, and that he was in service the greater part of the War, and that he continued in service to the close of the same. That she well remembers to have heard him say that he was entitled to receive, or had received, she does not recollect which, a Land Warrant for his services.

She further states that she has no record evidence of her marriage, nor does she know of any person now living who was at her marriage. That her marriage, together with the ages of their children, was recorded, but that the page of the Book in which said record was made was torn out, and destroyed, or mislaid so that it cannot now be found. She declares however, that she was lawfully married to the aforesaid John Butler on old [Julian-calendar] Christmas day, it being the sixth day of January seventeen hundred and ninety three. That they were married in the County of King George by Parson Low, and that her husband died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820

And in order to satisfy the department, that she was married at the above named time, she would here state, that about eight months after their marriage, she gave a premature birth to two children (Twins) and just sixteen months thereafter she gave birth to a son whom they named Charles and who may be now alive, but she has not seen or heard from him for a considerable length of time. And she well recollects that it was on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1795 that her son Charles was born, and if now alive, is Fifty four years of age. That after the birth of Charles, she continued having children at regular intervals of two years, untill she had five others, namely, Alexander, George, James, and one who died before receiving a name, and Nancy, who if now alive would be forty three years of age.

[signed] Molley Butler

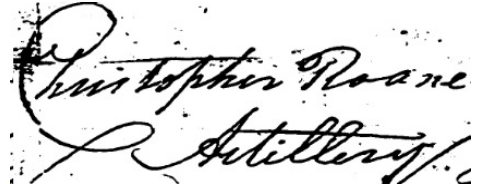
This is to Certify that I was born and raised in the County of King George in this State, and was intimately acquainted with John Butler, deceased late of the County of Westmorland, the last husband of Mrs Molly Butler of that County; I further certify that the said John Butler was a Sergeant Maj'r in Captain Roans Company of Artillery in the Revolution. He enlisted from the County of King George about the year 1776 or 1777 for the war and served to the close to my knowledge. Mrs Butler was first, Molly Arnold, and she married Sam Muse of King George, who was also a Revolutionary Soldier and served two years in the Regular Army. After his death, she married John Butler, and they were married I know in the winter of 1793, but I cannot recollect the day or month. given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1848 [in Stafford County VA]

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[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certifie that Jno. Butler Serj't. Maj'r. in the Legion Artillery, Inlisted the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1777 & has served During the war

Christopher Roane Capt.  
Artillery

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Roane" on the top line and "Artillery" on the bottom line. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTE: On 24 Nov 1849 William Berkley, 62, stated that he married the daughter of Molly Butler by her former husband, Samuel Muse.