

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia document pertaining to Paulser Butcher VAS1756 Elizabeth Butcher
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To the Honourable the General Assembly of Virginia. Your petitioner Humbly sheweth to your Honourable Bodies that in the year her husband Paulser Butcher was a private soldier in a Company of Rangers or Indian Spies under the Command of Captain James Booth that in consequence of Captain Booths untimely Death [killed by Indians, 16 Jun 1778] her Husband Paulser Butcher did not in his lifetime Ever Receive his wages for said cervices, nor has your petitioner Ever Received any kind of compensation for said Service of her Late Husband, Your petitioner was Ignorant of the mode by which to obtain Compensation untill very lately she has heard that your Honourable Body passed a Law at the last Session making provision for David Sleeth [David W. Sleeth, pension application S6111] and Others embracing the Widdow of Thomas Cunningham [W4166]. Your petitioner knowing that her Late Husband did serve his Country in that Expedition, for which Sleeth & others have Received Remuneration; as faithfully as any soldier of his day. Which Service our petitioner believes was thirteen months, your petitioner Being now Very old and infirm, and dependant upon her Children for maintenance, humbly pray your Honourable Body that a Law may pass allowing your Humble petitioner the amount which has been allowd other persons for the like service And your petitioner will ever Pray
Dec. 1 1834 Elizabeth herXmark Butcher

[In different handwriting on the petition]

Petition of Elizabeth Butcher of Lewis County Praying for compensation for services rendered by er late Husband Palser Butcher for 18 months as an Indian Spie for which he never rec'd pay during his lifetime
Dec'r 17th 1834/ ref'd to Cms. [Claims]
19th Decem Reasonable
Bill