

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Zachariah Butler Ctf. No. 13697
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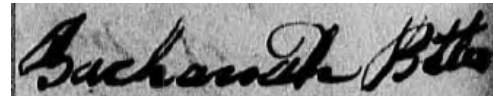
Rachel Butler

MD NC

[State of] Tennessee } August sessions 1832
Sullivan County }

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas &c for said County Zachariah Butler, aged seventy eight years, and resident citizen of said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers & served as herein stated towit. that in Worcester County Maryland he volunteered his services for a six months tour under Cap'n Shockley of the Maryland militia, the time not recollected but remembers it was in the month of March the year preceeding the battle of Guilferd [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] that he marched through Virginia & joined the Army under Green [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene] after the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], where he enlisted in the Army thirteen days before the battle of Guilferd [sic], into the 3^d Regiment North Carolina line for three years, and was in the said Guilford battle after which he was sent back as a sergeant to Worcester Count Maryland in order to recruit from whence he was ordered to meet at Philadelphia, when & where the recruiting officers with their men were to meet, & repaired, and was then ordered to little york [Yorktown VA] but whilst on the march an express came informing them of the surrender of Cornwallis at little york [19 Oct 1781], & as then returned to Philadelphia and awai[ted] obtaining of his discharge, which was [illegible word or two] month of August or September, which he received from the Brigade Major whose name he has forgotten. Peace having been concluded he was not required to serve out his time of enlistment but served until the close of the war from the time of enlistment being nine months, in addition to his term for which he volunteered that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testamony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, that there is a resident minister in his vicinity by whom he can establish the fact required by the i9nstructions of the secretary of war which is annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed



State of Tennessee
Sullivan County

On this 22^d day of May 1833 appeared before me Sam'l Rhea one of the Justices of the peace for said County Zachariah Butler who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of 7th June 1832, and with a view to remedy the objections to the original declaration made & subscribed the statement towit.

That The militia service of six months set forth by him in his original declaration was entered into as stated by him in the first of March 1780, and in which he served six months, and was discharged from the service verbally & enlisted again into the regular service, but for which the rolls (as appears from the accompanying brief) do not furnish evidence. That he has no means of establishing said service but by his own oath, & therefore agrees to accept a pension for the six months militia service rendered by him, & abandons the regular servitude.

That he was born in Worcester County Maryland on the 28th June 1754 according to his fathers family record, but which has been lost

That Samuel Hughs & Walter James are persons known to him & he to them by whom he can establish

reputation of service as stated by him in his original declaration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zachariah Butler". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

NOTES:

On 1 June 1833 Zachariah Butler was issued certificate numbered 13697 for \$20 per year for six months of service. There is no explanation in the file for why the file jacket bears the number of the pension certificate rather than the usual number with prefix S or W (if the widow applied for a pension). Rachel Butler's name is on the file jacket, suggesting that she applied for a pension, but no such application was found. There is a document stating that Rachel Butler received Zachariah Butler's final pension payment up to 27 Jan 1836, the presumed date of death. However, the file also contains a document certifying that Zachariah Butler died on 22 Jan 1836 leaving Rachel Butler his widow.

This file contains some papers pertaining to a different Zachariah Butler, pension application W341.