

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Buckholts R1465

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Georgia Wilkinson County: This fifth day of November 1832

Personally appeared in open Court, before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting Peter Buckholts a Resident of Wilkinson County and State of Georgia aged Sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he entered the service by draft the second day of March 1780 under Colonel Irwin [John Erwin], Major Benton,¹ Captain Jacob Buckholts Lieutenant Baxter [probably John Baxter] South Carolina Georgetown Parish, marched within about 30 miles of Charleston continued there until General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] surrendered up the Army to the British at Charleston [May 12, 1780], Marched back and was discharged the 19th of May of the same year, Volunteered under General Marion [Francis Marion], Colonel Horry [Peter Horry], Major Swinton [Alexander Swinton], Captain Mundlin [?], Lieutenant Odom [perhaps Archibald Odom] in South Carolina sometime in the month of October 1780 in which service I continued to June 1782 a truce being made between General Marion and Tories in June 1781 for twelve months and in June 1782 the truce was out Marion then marched his troops into the truce land on the East side of Pedee River and the Tories gave up. A draft then took place and some time in October 1782 I served under General Marion as a Lieutenant until the 12th day of December of the same year the British left Charleston and the State and I then was discharged -- was in one battle near Georgetown against the Tories in South Carolina under Colonel Horry, Captain Snipes [Henry Snipes], I was at the taking of one Fort called Fort Watson [April 16, 1781] near Santee River South Carolina, also I was at the taking of a Fort [Fort Motte, May 7, 1781] at the widow Motts on the West side of Santee River South Carolina, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Buckholts



¹ Probably either Thomas Benison or William Denison, both of whom served as major's under Lieutenant Colonel Peter Horry in the 4th Regiment of South Carolina State Dragoons. Both were killed at the Battle of Wambaw Bridge on February 25, 1782

[William Payne, a clergyman and resident of Laurens County Georgia, and Jonas Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Wilkinson County } Inferior Court of Wilkinson County & State aforesaid July
Term 1834 -- Present their Honors Samuel Peall, Daniel M. Hall, Lewellen M. Robinson &
Henry Chamber

Personally appeared in Open Court this 14th day of July in the year of our Lord 1834 Peter Buckholts a resident of said County & State aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by an Act of Congress passed the seventh day of June A.D. 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States as a drafted Soldier for a three months tour, the second day of March, 1780, under the command of the following Officers, viz. -- Colonel Irwin, Major Benton, Captain Buckholts & Lieutenant Baxter and at the time declarant was thus drafted he resided in the State of South Carolina, Georgetown Parish & that in this Tour he served two months and seventeen [?] days & that during this Tour he marched from Georgetown to Linches Causeway [Lynches' Causeway?] on Santee River within about thirty miles of Charleston, at which place he remained until the Surrender of General Lincoln of the American Army to Lord Cornwallis at Charleston. He declarant was then marched back to Georgetown in South Carolina & then discharged in writing by Colonel Irwin the 19th day of May 1780, which discharge is lost or mislaid, so that declarant cannot submit it in proof of this tour of Service & that he has no other way whereby he can establish this tour of Service only by his own oath. Declarant further states that he performed another tour of duty in the State of South Carolina, Georgetown Parish, as a volunteer, which Service commenced in October 1780, but cannot recollect the day of the month under the command of General Marion, Colonel Horry, Major Swinton, Captain Maudlin and Lieutenant Odam [Odom?] all of which was of South Carolina, and during this tour declarant was engaged in a battle near Georgetown State of South Carolina against the Tories in which skirmish Colonel Horry & Captain Snipes commanded, he declarant then marched to Snows Island on Pedee River from thence he marched 60 or 70 miles above the Junction of Pedee & Santee rivers & that he was at the taking of a Fort called Fort Watson on the East side of Santee River & that he was at the taking of another Fort near the widow Motts on the West side of Santee River about 30 miles from Fort Watson all of these events transpired in South Carolina as aforesaid. From thence he was marched to Boling Green [Bowling Green] on the East side of Pedee River & was there discharged in the month of June 1782, by General Marion, who gave declarant a discharge in writing, which has been lost or mislaid so that he is unable to submit it in proof of such Tours of service & that he declarant from old age and great loss of memory is not able to State precisely the date he entered the aforesaid tours of Service, or the day he was discharged, but according to his best recollection, he served in this tour not less than one year & seven months & that he has no other way whereby he can establish said term of service but by his own oath. And this declarant further States that he performed another tour of duty as a Lieutenant whilst a resident of the State of South Carolina as aforesaid, under the command of General Marion, Colonel Baxter, Major Swinton and Captain Foxworth [Samuel Foxworth], that he declarant commenced this tour of duty, some time in the month of October, 1782, but from great loss of memory cannot recollect the precise day of the month he commenced this tour of Service, but according to his best recollection he served not less than one month and 15 days & this declarant further states that he marched in the aforesaid tour to Wataboo [sic, Wadboo], from

thence to Charleston and on the 12th day of December of the same year he was discharged in writing by General Marion which discharge is lost or mislaid, so that this declarant is not able to submit it in proof of this tour of Service --

He Peter Buckholts applicant & declarant as aforesaid, doth Hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any other State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 14th of July A.D. 1834

S/ Peter Buckholts

S/ Daniel M. Hall, JIC

To the Interrogatories,² propounded by the Inferior Court of Wilkinson County & State of Georgia by the direction of the War department to Peter Buckholts a Revolutionary Soldier, and applicant as such he makes the following answers that he is --

1st Interrogatory. He answers, that he was born in the State of South Carolina Georgetown Parish the six day of December 1863.

2nd He answers that he has a record of his age and that it is at home.

3rd He answers that he was living in South Carolina Georgetown Parish, when first called into Service where he resided for several years after the close of the war that he removed from there to Warren County in the State of Georgia & that he moved from there to Wilkinson County Georgia where resides.

4th He answers that he was drafted first & entered in the Service of the United States as stated in the Declaration & continued in said service until discharged as is also stated in the declaration & that he also served as a volunteer & Lieutenant as is stated in the Declaration.

5th He answers. That Colonel Irwin & Major Benton were the Commanding Officers when he served under a draft and General Marion, Colonel Horry, & Major Swinton were the Commanding Officers under whom he served as a volunteer.

6th He answers, that he did get a written discharge from Colonel Irwin but unfortunately took no care of it & cannot State what became of it and that at the expiration of his tour of service as a volunteer he received a written discharge from General Francis Marion, which is also lost or mislaid so that this Applicant cannot find it.

7th He answers, that he is acquainted with the Reverend William Payne & Jesse Pitman whose certificate is herewith forwarded.

[William Payne, a clergyman of Laurens County Georgia and Jesse Pitman a resident of Wilkinson County Georgia gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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State of Georgia are Wilkinson County: Personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid Robert Rozar³ Senior who after being duly sworn, deposeth and saith on oath, That Peter Buckholts now a resident of said County & State did serve as a Revolutionary Soldier in the State of South Carolina under Captain Maudlin & Lieutenant Odom sometime in the first part of the year 1782 and that the said Peter Buckholts served as a Lieutenant in the Army under the command of General Marion, from sometime in October 1782 until nearly the middle of December of the same year. That this deponent was also a Soldier at the same time & knew the said Buckholts then and has known him ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 14th of July A.D. 1834

S/ Robert Rozar, Senr., X his mark

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Peter Buckholtz
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 876C
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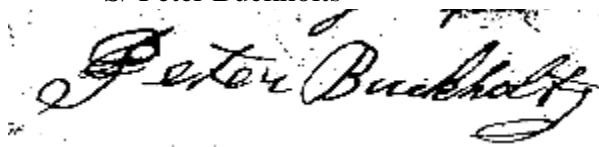
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Sir

Please to let Richard Hewson have what ever Indents may be in your office due to me for my Services done during the late war in General Marion's Brigade and your Compliance will Oblige.
August 28, 1791

S/ Peter Buckholts

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Buckholts". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized, typical of the late 18th century.

S/ Jno. McRee, JP
S/ Wm. Hort Esqr.

³ [Robert Rozar S31938](#)

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.