

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Solomon Butler R1550

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State of Virginia

Bedford County to wit SS

On this 20th day of March 1844 personally appeared before me Samuel P Mitchell a justice of the Peace of the county of Bedford and state of Virginia; Mary Butler a resident of the aforesaid county and state; Aged sixty three years who made oath, according to law doth on her oath; make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836.

That she is the widow of Solomon Butler Deceased who was a private in the Militia of Bedford County of Virginia, of Lynch [Charles Lynch's] Regiment that he served two tours the first under Captain D Beard [David Beard] for the term of six month from which he was dissscharged, on the second of April 1781 and the second tour he served as a private of the Bedford Militia, under Captain John Trigg for the term of three months and was at the battle of York Town when Cornwallis was taken [sic: siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct, when Cornwallis was taken]; and he was wounded in his hip & side and confined sometime in the Hospital at York Town and was discharge on the 20th Oct 1781; in consequence of which he was disable to his death from that time.

She further declares that she was married to the said Solomon Butler in the month of March eighteen hundred & one in the State of North Carolina, in Leaksvill [sic: Leaksville, now Eden] by a Mr Leak and that her husband; the aforesaid Solomon Butler died on the fifth day September 1825, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Mary herXmark Butler

Gilford County [sic: Guilford County NC] March 21st 1781

James Eager & Solomon Butler Sick Soldiers of My Company have Permission of Absence to the Courthouse Til they Recover health

D. Beard Cap't.

[The left half of the following is missing.]

nd Solomon Butler

p'y of Bedford Militia

m't. is hereby Discharged

er. 20 Oc'br. 1781

Lawson

John Trigg Capt

NOTES:

On 21 March 1844 John Arthur (pension application W5635) stated that he had served with Butler at Yorktown, was present when he was wounded, saw him in the hospital, and frequently heard him say afterward that he was disabled by the wounds.

George A and Mildread Sims stated that they frequently heard Milburn Williamson, deceased, say that he had accompanied Solomon Butler and Mary McFerson (Mary McPherson) to North Carolina and saw them married, after which they returned to Bedford County. On 7 Jan 1854 John Butler assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits due to her deceased mother, Mary Butler. A letter from the attorney states that Mary Butler died in 1845.