

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Butler ¹ R1556

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Form of a Declaration

to be made by a person who has never had a Land Warrant

State of Alabama

County of Coosa: SS

On this 19th day of November A.D. 1855, personally appeared before me, Caswell P. Sanford a Justice of the Peace, duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid, William Butler age 98 years, a resident of Montgomery County in the State of Alabama who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical William Butler who was a Private in the company commanded by Captain __ in the __ regiment of Georgia Militia commanded by __ in the war of the Revolution, that he was Pressed in Service at Effingham County Georgia on or about the 20th of September A.D. 1781 for the term of the war and continued in actual service in said war for fourteen days, and was honorably discharged at Savannah Georgia on the __ of __ A.D. __ having had no written certificate of discharge on account of __ as will appear by the Muster Rolls of said company. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any other application therefore.

S/ William Butler, X his mark

State of Alabama, Coosa County

On this the twenty seventh day of July A.D. 1857 personally appeared before me Christopher W. Powell a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County of Coosa and State of Alabama, William Butler, aged 91 years a resident of Montgomery County in the State of Alabama who being Sworn according to law declares that he is the identical William Butler who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Carr in the __ Regiment of Georgia Militia commanded by Major Hobbersham [probably John Habersham] in the Revolutionary War. That he [was] drafted or pressed at Effingham County State of Georgia on or about the first of September A.D. 1781 for the term of during the War and continued in actual Service in said [sic, same] for upwards of one year or over 12 months and was honorably discharged at Savannah Georgia on or about the 1st of October A.D. 1782 or 1783 and had no certificate of discharge as will appear by the muster rolls of said Company and for evidence of said Service respectfully refer [to] Land Warrant number 40509.

He makes the above declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension money he may

¹ BLWt40509-160-55

be entitled to under the Several pension passed by Congress at the Several dates.

S/ William Butler, X his mark {Seal}

[Peyton G. Kimbell and Francis S. Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]