

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

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[p4] The State of Indiana Switzerland County

Be it remembered that on the twelfth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me James McClure one of the associate judges of the county court in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared John Fenton aged about seventy four years, who after being duly sworn according to law (in order to obtain the benefit of an act of congress entitled Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War) doth and did *depose* and say that he entered into the army raised to obtain and defend American Liberty and Independence in the Spring of the year 1776 or 1776 as well as this deponent was known to recollect under Captain Matthew Arbuckle on Green Briar River [*Greenbrier River*] in the State of Virginia and marched from thence under the command of said Captain Arbuckle to Pittsburgh and there inspected by *Colo. Nevil [perhaps John Neville]* and from thence descended the Ohio River to the mouth of Great Kanawa [sic, *Kanawha River*] and there served under the said Captain Arbuckle for the term of one year for which he had enlisted and was then discharged by the said Captain Arbuckle. And that deponent further saith he never received any pension from the United States by any act of Congress to his knowledge and if any should exist he hereby releases and relinquishes the same to the United States. And finally that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country and further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed

Before me this 112th day

Of August 1818 James McClure

Judge S.C. Indiana



[p5] County certification by Judge James McClure

[p6-p8] notes that Fenton's application was transmitted to DC by somebody of the 16th congress with those of

Barnard Warden

Sam Baley

William White

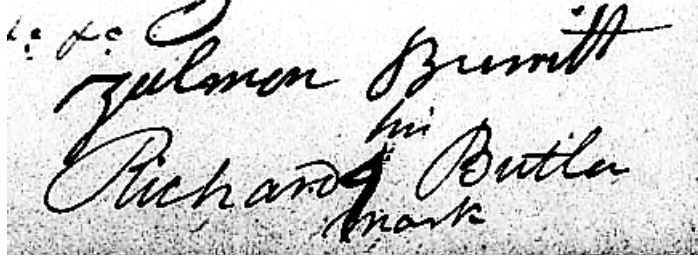
Also of Switzerland County IN and a letter signed by two county officers:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the United States and residents of Switzerland County in the State of Indiana, Respectfully sheweth

That your petitioners served in the Army of the revolution, raised to obtain and defend American liberty and independence for the term of nine months and upwards each; but, in answer to applications made to the Honorable Secretary at War for the benefit of the act of Congress of March 18, 1818, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," are informed that the troops to which they were attached did not belong to the Continental establishment, and their applications were consequently rejected.

Your petitioners, therefore humbly request your Honorable body to take their cases into your consideration, and that you will grant them such relief as may seem most advisable and, in duty bound so to do, they will ever pray &c &c



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is 'Zalman Burritt' and the bottom signature is 'Richard Butler'. Below the name 'Richard Butler' is the phrase 'his mark' written in a smaller, less legible cursive hand.

Zalman Burritt¹ and Richard Butler, X his mark

¹ Conn. veteran FPA S16331