

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Dillon R2959

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State of Mississippi, Pike County

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Robert Love, Judge of the Probate Court now sitting, Richard Dillon, a resident of Pike County, State of Mississippi, aged Eighty seven years Six months and some days, who being 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832—states that he was drafted under Captain John Faulk in Bertie County [sic, Bertie County] North Carolina, marched from thence to Northwest River Bridge in the month of March next to Head quarters, and placed under Colonel Blunt [James Blunt] in Virginia, but has no recollection of the names of any of the subaltern officers nor their places of residence, was also commanded by General Gregory [possibly Brig. Gen. Isaac Gregory of Pasquotank County North Carolina] Claimant himself, resided when drafted near Edenton Sound Bertie County North Carolina. Claimant entered the service in the year 1781 Served in one Battle under General Gregory at the Norwest [sic] River Bridge and Served 13 months tour under him received his discharge and returned Home. Afterwards in the Summer of 1781, Enlisted on Board of Privateer *Greyhound*, commanded by Captain Samuel Butler<sup>1</sup> and remained on board until he was taken prisoner by Frigate *Balona* [?]<sup>2</sup>, bearing 36 guns (and commanded by Captain Kennedy a Scotchman), and has no particular recollection of the length of time he was Prisoner of War, but as well as he recollects nine months, and that Paroled upon honor, can't recollect of any man living who can prove the services here referred to, has no documentary evidence at all, and hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to a pension of annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Question: Where and in what year were you born?

A.: In the State of Virginia, Norfolk County, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1745, as appears from the record of my Father and from information of my Mother.

Q: Have you any record of your age and where is it?

A: In my Bible at home, a copy from my Father's record, as informed of my mother.

Q: Where were you living when called into service?

A: In Bertie County, North Carolina, on Edenton Sound.

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as: BUTLER, SAMUEL, NC, Commander, Massachusetts Privateers, Commander, Virginia Privateers Samuel Butler was a native of Edenton, North Carolina. He was commissioned to the Massachusetts Privateer Schooner *Hiram* on 5 May 1779, sailing out of Boston. [NOAR, 45-46] He was subsequently commissioned to the Virginia Privateer Ship *Wolfe* on 10 May 1782. [NRAR, 494] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20B.html>

2 *Balona*

Q: Where have you lived since, and where do you live?

A: I moved from North Carolina in the year 1790 from Bertie County, NC, to Barnwell District in South Carolina, and remained there until the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 1807, and moved from there to Mississippi, in Amite County where I remained about three years, then I moved into Marion County, now Pike County, Mississippi, and have been here ever since.

Q: How were you called into service? Were you drafted?

A: I was drafted as above stated.

Q: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? If so, by whom was it issued? What became of it?

A: I received an honorable discharge from General Gregory, kept for a number of years, but it has long since been lost. I can refer to my neighbors, Rev. Willis Magee, and J. W. Y. McNoble, Esq., Peter Quin, and to many others who can and will certify to my character and veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed to in court, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1833.

S/ Richard Dillon

*Richard Dillon*

S/ John Y. McNabb, Clerk

[Willis Magee, a clergyman, and Peter Quin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

*A Statement, showing the Service of Richard Dillon  
Pike County Miss.*

Period when the service was rendered?	Duration of the Service			Rank of the Claimant	Name and Rank of the Company or other officer under whom he served	Name, and Rank of the applicant	Battly in which he engaged?	Country	Place of discharge	Evidence by which the declaration is supported
	Years	Months	Days							
1781	1			Private	Capt. John Butler (at Sea)	Capt. John Butler	Northwest	Part of North Carolina & Virginia	Bartee County North Carolina	I know of no evidence living by whom I know my service