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Pension Application of Michael Buster S1178

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky

Pulaski County Court Sct.

On this 18th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court for Pulaski County now sitting as a Court Michael Buster a resident of the County of Pulaski state of Kentucky aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benifit 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 while a resident of Fincastle County afterward [after 1776] Washington County state of Virginia, as well as I now recollect (my then residence is now in Russell) in the month of May 1774 the day I cannot now Recollect A call was made for soldiers by the Government and I volunteered in the Company of Captain James Thompson, William Edmonson [William Edmondson] Lieutenant to serve against the Shawnee Indians. I volunteered for no specified term, but to serve a Summer Campaign as it was then called, or until discharged by our officers Isaac Shelby was the Major, and William Campbell was Colonel in command, after I was rendevoused with the other men. We were marched to the frontiers of the state of Virginia, the head quarters was located in Washington County and we were engaged by the orders of our superiors in scouting and ranging on the frontiers to protect the White settlements until the latter part of the month of November 1774 the exact time he was engaged in this service he cannot now state, but not less than six months, he was then discharged from the Service. I received a written discharge signed by Captian Thompson as I now recollect, which discharge has long since been lost or destroyed. afterwards while a resident of said County of Washington, sometime in the month of March 1776 another call for soldiers was made, and I volunteered in the Company of Captian John Duncan, to serve against the Cheerkee [sic: Cherokee] Indians. I volunteered for what was then called a Summer Campaign, and until we were discharged by our officers. Walter Crockett as well as I now Recollect was Major. and the Company was part of the Regiment commanded by Colo. William Christian, we were rendevoused as well as I can Recollect about the 12th of March at the Glade hollow Fort [between Dickensonville and Lebanon in present Russell County] and was from thence marched to the frontiers, and was constantly employed during the time in scouting and ranging upon the Frontiers making the above mentioned Fort the head quarters, and was continued in active service until the middle of November of 1776 when we were discharged from the service. I received a written discharge signed by Captian Duncan, but which has long since been lost or destroyed. I was engaged in this service, the exact time I cannot now state but not less than seven months and a half. afterwards while a citizen of Montgomery County state of Virginia in the month of June 1777 a call was made for soldiers, and I volunteered in the Company of Captian James Montgomery to serve against the Tories and Indians. the Company was organized for no specified Term, but to serve until discharged the Company belonging to the Regiment of Colo. James Robertson, Walter Crockett Major. after the Company was assembled we were marched to and stationed at the lead mines in said County [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] to Guard the same from the Tories and was for about two months continued at the lead mines and was then marched to the frontiers of Virginia, and stationed at Whittens station [on Clinch River], and was there employed by our Officers in Scouting and Ranging on the frontiers to guard the White Settlements from the depredation of the Indians and was continued in the service until the latter part of November 1777 and was then discharged. I received a written discharge served by Captian James Montgomery – but which has long since been lost or destroyed cannot now state exactly how long he

was engaged in this last mentioned service, but not less than six months. afterwards still a resident of Montgomery County Virginia, in the month of March 1778 a call was made for soldiers and I volunteered in the company of Captian John Stevens to serve against the Indians. the company belonged to the Regiment of Colo. Walter Crockett. Joseph Cloyd was the Major. after we were rendezvoused we were marched to the frontiers and was stationed at a Garrisons erected by ourselves on the plantation of James Maxell on the head of Clynch river and was there continued in service by our officers scouting and ranging until about the middle of November 1778 when we were discharged by our officers. I received a written discharge signed by Captian Stevens but which has long since been lost or destroyed. I cannot say exactly how long I was engaged on this last mentioned service. Snow fell as we were marching out, and I was not discharged until about the middle of November. I was engaged not less than seven months. afterwards still a resident of Montgomery County state of Virginia in the month of May 1779 a call was made for soldiers to guard the lead mines and frontiers against the Indians and Tories. I volunteered in the Company of Captian William Campbell the same who was afterwards a Colonel. John Stevens was the Major. Walter Crockett was the Colonel commanding after we were rendezvoused we were marched to the lead mines in said County to guard the same and was employed in scouting and ranging to disperse the Tories in said County and that part of North carolina that adjoins Virginia. we were continued at the lead mines and in the neighbourhood six weeks and was then marched to and stationed at Harmons Station on the frontiers in said County and was there engaged in ranging and scouting on the frontiers to deter and disperse the Indians until sometime in the month of November 1779 when we were discharged. I received a written discharge signed by Captian Campbell but which has been long since been lost or destroyed. the exact time I was engaged in this last mentioned service I cannot state, but not less than five months afterwards still a resident of Montgomery County of Virginia as well as I can Recollect in the month of March 1780 a call was made for soldiers to serve against the Indians and Tories and I volunteered in the Company of Captian Enoch Osborne [Enoch Osborn]. we were under the command of Colo. William Preston. Joseph Cloyd Major. after we were assembled we were marched to Whitten Station and the Regiment was divided and the men dispatched to different stations, and that division that I belonged to was sent to Harmons Station and was there employed scouting and ranging against the Indians until sometime in the month of November following, when we were discharged I received a written discharge signed by Captian Osborne but which has long since been lost or destroyed. I cannot state exactly how long I was engaged in this service, but not less than seven months. afterwards still a resident of Montgomery County Virginia in the month of April 1781 I volunteered or joined a company of Light Horse commanded by Captian Isaac Campbell. Michael Glaze Lieutenant. John Rare ensign. in the month of May I think the Company of Horse was assembled and we were marched together with another Company of Light Horse into the state of North carolina and was engaged in ranging on the Adkin [sic: Yadkin] & Catawba Rivers and on the Borders of South carolina, and while on this service I was in the Battle fought between the Americans and the Tories at the shallow Ford of the Adkin River [14 Oct 1780] the Tories under the Command of Colo. Wright and the two Horse Companies of the Americans under the Command of Captians Campbell and Mars, and the Footmen [infantrymen] engaged in the Battle were under the command of Major Cloyd – in which Battle the Tories were defeated with considerable loss and prevented from joining the British forces lying then on the borders of North carolina this Battle was fought the Saturday succeeding the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780], and we would have been in the Battle of Kings Mountain But a portion of our forces were dispatched to disperse the Tories that had embodied themselves under Captian Martin, which prevented our forces being in said Battle of Kings mountain and upon which service I was dispatched and upon which service we dispersed Martin and his Tories altho upwards of three to our one. I was engaged in the service in the company of Light horse in the country aforesaid untill the latter part of October 1781 when we were directed to return home – and after our return I was engaged sometime with others in ranging against the Tories and some time in the winter following I received a written discharge signed by Captian Campbell

for nine months service as well as I recollect. I was engaged from the time I entered the service until I returned home the last of October not less than five months and a half and rendered afterward other service, but cannot state how long but was directed to hold myself allways in readiness to march when called on by our officers. and when I was discharged Received a discharge for nine months as above stated, which discharge has long since been lost or destroyed. I was afterwards with others engaged in dispersing the famous Tory Captian Green and his men who were engaged in plundering and murdering, and we dispersed the Company we killed Green and three of his Company we were under no Regular command. He has now no Documentary evidence whatever of his services and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. he can prove by William Owens Sen'r. [pension application W8493] a resident of Pulaski County Kentucky that he was engaged in ranging and was in the service, but how long or how often he does not know, not having served with him in the same company. he is known to Martin Owens a Clergyman resident in his present neighbourhood and Robert Cowan also a resident of his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I was born in Caswell County North carolina on the 6th of August 1757 and will be 76 years of age the 6th of August 1833 and was not quite 17 years of age when I served my first campaign against the Indians my Father with his Family moved from Caswell County North carolina in 1772 to the State of Virginia, then Fincastle County afterwards Washington now Russell

I have a Record of my age in my possession in an old Bible given me by my Father, much worn and defaced

I was living when called into the service in the Counties mentioned in my Declaration. after the Revolutionary war I continued to live in the State of Virginia Montgomery County until it was divided and in Wythe County after it was taken off from Montgomery County [in 1789] untill the year 1812 when I removed to Pulaski County Kentucky and settled on the Farm where I now live and upon which I have lived since my removal to Kentucky

when I was called into the service I allways volunteered and when I joined the Light horse company I voluntarily joined the company to serve any where that I might be ordered to serve.

I received written discharges for the different services upon which I was engaged. when called into the service by proper & competent authority, but the same has long since been lost or destroyed as stated in my Declaration, not being considered by me as of any value. The discharges were signed by the Captians mentioned in my Declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory.

Sworn to and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid [signed] Michael Buster