

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Butler S15029

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State of Kentucky }
County of Madison } Sgt.

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Worshipful the County Court of Madison, now sitting, Thomas Butler, a resident of Madison county, State of Kentucky, aged 74 years, who being first 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was drafted into the militia service in 1780, he thinks in the fall of that year. His officers were Capt. Wether, he rather thinks his major's name was [Henry] Conway. Col. [John] Glenn and Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. He rendezvoused at Hillsborough, North Carolina, marched to the Cheraw Hills, South Carolina, where we camped and remained a while [Jan 1781], and returned to Hillsborough, and there to Bedford county Virginia, and received a discharge for this three months at or near Dan river, Virginia. He remained at home only a few weeks before he was again called upon and he volunteered his services the second time, perhaps about February or March 1781, and was in the battle at Guilford Court House, North Carolina [15 Mar]. He was this time commanded by Capt. Bowen Price, Maj. [John] Callaway, Col. [Charles] Lynch and Gen. Green. From the battle at Guilford Court House he returned back to Bedford county, Virginia and was discharged. He thinks he was about six weeks or two months in service this time. In the fall of 1782 he volunteered his services again to go against the Shawnee Indians, under Capt. Dougherty, Col. Lyon, and Gen. [George Rogers] Clark, and marched from Lincoln County Virginia (now Kentucky) to the Chillicothe or Indian Towns. We burnt and destroyed the Towns and took some prisoners, had a few skirmishes with the Indians. He thinks they destroyed five or six Towns, then returned to Lincoln county again and was dismissed. He was in the service this time between six weeks and two months. He states that he resided in Bedford county, Virginia when he entered the service the first and second time and in Lincoln county the third time. He got a discharge for his first and second tours, but has lost them, for his last tour he never received a discharge. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He was born in Bedford county Virginia in the year 1758. He has no record of his age at this time - he has had, but it is lost. He has resided in Bedford county Virginia part of his time since the revolutionary war, and then moved to Madison county, Kentucky, where he has resided upwards of forty years, and where he now resides. He does not recollect who signed his discharges above spoken of. He is known in his neighborhood to John Marrian and Daniel Pursell.

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

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid [signed] Thos. Butler