

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Van Buskirk S17165

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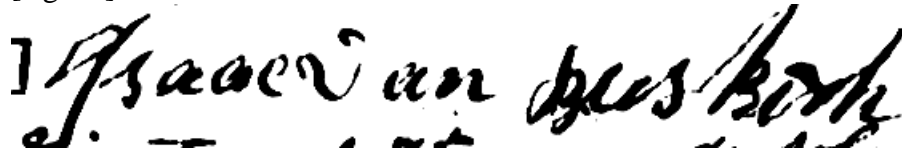
State of Indiana Monroe County: SS

On this 10th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Amory Kinney president judge, Stephen P. Scott, and Abram Buskirk Associates, of the circuit court of said County, the same being a court of Record, possessing general jurisdiction, now sitting at the courthouse in Bloomington in said County, Isaac Van Buskirk aged seventy-two 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 7th A.D. 1832. – That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service as aforesaid in the close of the winter or first of the spring of 1778 as a private soldier, and substitute in the place of his brother John Buskirk, whose statement is hereto annexed – As well as he remembers, it was in the Virginia State Troops, as he believes they were called, but of the precise character of the Corps to which he belonged, he will not speak certainly, but will detail the facts connected with his service, from which it will appear to the Department in which character he served. His engagement was for twelve months, which he faithfully kept, and was discharged in the month of February 1779 by a written discharge, showing his full service of twelve months, which he has long since lost, so that he cannot now produce it; he got home from the Army on the 9th day of March following. He left home for the Army in company with 60 or 70 persons, amongst them, were several officers, whose names he does not remember, except a Captain Crockett, and a Sergeant Anthony Musto [Anthony Mustoe], who conducted the Corps until they joined the Army, at the Valley Forge under General Washington, in the month of April as he believes. When this applicant joined the Army, he was placed under a Captain Wallace of the 7th Virginia Regiment, in General Woodford's brigade as he believes – he states the brigade was composed of the 3rd, 7th, 11th and 15th regiments – and he remembers the names in connection with the said Brigade of Colonels Morgan, Heath [Heth] and Wallace; – he remembers the names of Captains Young, Mosley, Taylor – but the precise commands of those several officers he cannot tell, he was young and did not give any particular attention to matters beyond his own company; his Lieutenant's name was Sawyers, (his given name he does not recollect) his Ensign's name was Smith. Within about the first of June following, the applicant was marched with the Army, from the Valley Forge in pursuit of the enemy. He was, a few days before the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] sent with a detachment, (from the main Army) under the command of General Scott who, as well as this applicant remembers, went in advance of the main Army, & on the morning of the Monmouth battle, this applicant was placed with the troops on the left wing – and in that battle, part of the day stationed near the American artillery. After the battle of Monmouth, this applicant, was marched with the Army under General Washington, to a town called Brunswick, –

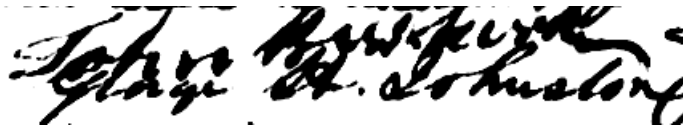
from Brunswick to North River, which we crossed into "York State," from thence to White Plains, there they lay some time, during which this applicant was frequently engaged in scouting parties near the enemy's lines – From thence, they marched to West Point; from thence back across the River in "Jersey," scouting on the British lines, from thence to the New Ark [Newark] – thence to the neighborhood of "Middlebrook or Bondbrook" for winter quarters. There he remained until he was discharged. He states that he fully served said period, during which time he remembers to have seen Washington, Lee, Lafayette, Scott, Wayne & Woodford &c. He states that he entered the service in Hampshire County, in the State of Virginia. The service was for twelve months: as a substitute as aforesaid: –. He was born October 7 1760 in Loudoun County, Virginia; his father was Michael van Buskirk. He has no record of his age. His place of residence was Hampshire County, when he entered the service; and he lived there after his return, until the autumn following, when he emigrated with his father to Redstone in Pennsylvania, where he lived about eight years: he then lived on the Ohio River, in the edge of Virginia about two years: After which he lived in Ohio eleven years: In Indiana ever since, to wit since 1805. – He is among the first settlers of this state. He does not remember who signed his discharge, but he knows he received one, and it is now lost as herein before stated. – 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 in the Union.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Isaac van Buskirk



I John Buskirk, brother of the foregoing applicant, aged 75 years, do solemnly state, upon oath first duly administered, that I was drafted in the State of Virginia, in Hampshire County and called to serve a twelve month Tour, and that the said Isaac Van Buskirk served, by and engagement with me, and in my place, the said, tour of duty – I have frequently seen his discharge, and am fully satisfied, that his said declaration is true. I saw him leave home for the Army, and saw him when he returned about, between 12 and 1? [last digit written over and illegible] months afterwards. I have frequently heard him so relate the incidents of the campaign. Signed and sworn to as aforesaid



[George H. Johnston, and William Edmondson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]