

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Britt S17850

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord 1837 and in the sixty first year of the Sovereignty & Independence of the United States of America, Personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Place, now sitting, Charles Britt a resident of Abbeville, 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 on the 7th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1832, that is to say:

That he was born in England on the second day of June in the year 1762. That his Father having died his mother afterwards married one Jacob Delachaux, and emigrated with her to America in the year 1768, carrying declarant along with them.

That on the breaking out of the war of the Revolution, he was residing in the district of Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina. That on or about the 24th day of July in the year 1777, he was enlisted at French town in Abbeville District, in Captain Baldwin's Company of Georgia minute men, the officers of which Corps were John Stuart Colonel, Elijah Clarke Lieutenant Colonel and Caleb Howell Major. That he declarant and the other recruits were marched by George Walton's ferry on Savannah River to a place now called \_\_\_ in the State of Georgia. That he afterwards received a furlough for a month and on its expiration again joined his company at a called Carr's Fort, about two miles from the place where Washington in the State of Georgia now stands. That there were two companies in the Fort, viz. Burke's and Baldwin's, and the declarant there did duty with them for the period of two months.

That both companies were then ordered to Tillet's Station on Broad River in the State of South Carolina, where they remained on duty for about four months. From Tillet's Station they were ordered to Augusta in Georgia, and from thence were marched into Florida, and encamped at St. Mary's River. That they remained on the St. Mary's until summer, when they returned to Midway Meeting House, where they were discharged as near as declarant can recollect in the month of August, in the year 1778. That in this tour of service, declarant was under arms upwards of twelve months.

That on his return home to New Bourdeaux [New Bordeaux], he was enrolled in the militia company of Captain Joseph Bouchillon, of which company Peter Gibert was first Lieutenant and Peter Roger second Lieutenant and was with his companions occasionally called

out to act against the Tories.

That in the year 1778 or 1779, he was drafted into a small body of militia, that was ordered to McGowen's Block house on Savannah River, under the command of Captain Bouchillon, to guard that part against the Indians and was engaged in this service for about four months, and then returned home.

That he was afterwards drafted into the militia under Captain Matthew Beraud and Lieutenant Peter Gibert and served in the expedition to Savannah. That so far as he can recollect, they rendezvoused at Augusta under Colonel Andrew Williamson, of the South Carolina Militia. That his company joined General Lincoln in the low country, and proceeded to Savannah. That he was at Savannah during the siege. That the night before the attack he was detailed with a party of three or four on fatigue duty to Thunderbolt and in consequence was not present in the action, that the Captain being killed, Peter Gibert took command of the Company. That shortly after this the Company was discharged and the declarant returned home, and that on the expedition he supposes he could not be less than two months out.

That on another occasion he was on an expedition to Ashepoo in the State of South Carolina, to relieve the Stono troops, but from the decay of his memory he cannot recollect the particulars.

That in the year 1781, he was again drafted into a militia company, under Captain Moses Liddle, to join General Greene, and proceeded under the command of General Pickens to the Congaree, near the place where Columbia now stands, and subsequently joined General Greene near the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs]. That he was with his company in the memorable battle of the eighth day of September in the year 1781, and after the dead had been buried, which he thinks was the third day after the battle, his Company was discharged, when he returned home. That this was his last tour of service, and he believes he was engaged in it not less than two months.

That in the intermediate periods of time between his expeditions to Florida, to Savannah, and to Eutaw, he frequently served in small detachments of the militia, against Tories and Indians, the particulars respecting which, from the great lapse of time, and the decay of his memory, he cannot now remember. But he firmly believes, that the whole of his service amounted to at least two years.

That in all the expeditions to which he has deposed, he served as a private. That he sometimes beat the drum, but was not a regular drummer. That he has lived all his life in the neighborhood of New Bourdeaux in the State of South Carolina. That he knows of no living comrade, nor of any person that was with him, in military service, either officers or men. That the last surviving comrade that he knew, was Austin Whitten of Edgefield, from whom he got an affidavit, which he sent to a friend to be forwarded to Washington and which if not mislaid, will be submitted to the department. That he knows Dr. Waddell, the Rev'd James M. Chiles, Governor McDuffie, General Bull, James Lewis Petigru and Alexander Houston. That he is now in his 75th year and is weak and infirm.

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 any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John B. O'Neill, Pres. Judge

S/ Charles Britt

[James M. Chiles, a clergyman, and Alexander Houston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 20 months service as a private in the Georgia and South Carolina militia.]