

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Buchanan (Buchannan) S2105

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State of Tennessee Bedford County: SS

On this 10th day of August 1837 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County in open Court – the same being a court of record Thomas Buchannan a resident of the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee aged about seventy-three or four 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 hereinafter stated.

In the beginning of the year 1781, in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina, I entered the service as a volunteer to assist in guarding the town of Hillsboro in said State, and in reconnoitering the surrounding Country after the Tories. I was attached to a company commanded by Captain Williams, whose Christian name I do not recollect, and under whom I served about a month and a half. I then substituted in place of Thomas Hunt who was a drafted militia man; and his Captain as well as I now recollect was by the name of Carrington. In this company I served three months, as a Sergeant in said company. I then substituted in the place of a man by the name of John Williams, who was a militia man in what was called the eighteen months service. I served the balance of his time which was about two months. I cannot now recollect the name of the Captain. Major Dickson was attached to this service, there was also one Taylor whose Christian name I believe was John but whether he was a Colonel or Major I now cannot recollect; he was also connected with this service in some way, but in what particular, I cannot now say. In this service I served about two months I then substituted in place of a man whose name I cannot now recollect, he was in the militia service for twelve months, I served the balance of his time about one month and a half, and the only officer that I can now recollect is Colonel or Major Taylor my former officer. All the above services were performed in guarding the town of Hillsboro and in guarding prisoners, except some excursions I was engaged in pursuit of the Tories. In one of the tours in what was called then and perhaps yet called Moravian Town in North Carolina and in the other to Haw River in said State. I then volunteered with three others to guard some baggage wagons from Hillsboro to Deep River about 50 miles. In this service I was engaged about half a month. In all the above tours I served ten months and a half, all of which service was performed as well as I now recollect in the year 1781. There may

be other incidents connected with said service which I have not detail but from lapse of time I have forgotten them. I have no documentary evidence by which to prove the above services, nor do I know of any witness in [indecipherable word] who can testify as to my having performed them. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state of the United States.

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

S/ John T. Neil [?], Clerk

S/ Thos. Buchannan, N his mark

Questions by the Court as prescribed by the war Department –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Pennsylvania in 1764

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have. It is at home in my Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Orange County North Carolina when called into the service, after the war I went to South Carolina Pendleton District and lived there for some 12 or 15 years, I then moved to Kentucky where I lived some three or four years, when I moved to Bedford County Tennessee where I have lived ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was a substitute for two months in the place of Thomas Hunt, and volunteered when I first entered the service, I also substituted for some two or three others some of one was by the name of John Williams, others not recollected

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Major Dickson was attached to the regular Army and was with the troops where I served, there were some more but their names are not recollected. There were some militia regiments of which was under the command of Colonel O'Neal and General Butler. I cannot state the circumstances of my service better than they are done above to which I again refer,

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received two discharges one for Thomas Hunt for whom I was a substitute, and also John Williams for whom I was also a substitute and do not recollect to have received other discharges and these I delivered to Hunt and Williams respectively.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I am known to Thomas Hopper, Martin Sims, John Robertson and to the Reverend George Newton who lives in Shelbyville. Also Joseph McCord another clergyman living in Marshall County Tennessee all of whom can testify to my character etc.

[George Newton, a clergyman, Joseph McCord, a clergyman, and Martin Sims gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Interestingly, another document in this file dated October 23, 1837 dealing with some procedural matters was actually signed by the applicant who signature appeared as follows:

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Thomas Buchanan" in a cursive script. The first letter of "Thomas" is a large, decorative capital. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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