

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Buchanan S21675

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this 25th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Richard Gantt Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions of the said State & District now sitting William Buchanan a resident of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina aged seventy 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, 1832 --

1st That he entered the service of the United States and about the age of sixteen years, as a drafted Militia man under the command of a Lieutenant Wardlaw, and Major Alexander Noble of the South Carolina & was marched by them to a place called the Sisters ferry on Savannah River where he was stationed for two months and then marched back, to Abbeville, then Ninety Six District where he was verbally discharged, the object of this tour of duty was to guard the Sisters ferry against the passage of the British this duty was for the siege of Ninety Six how long the applicant knows not whole service this tour at least two months & a half --

2nd The applicant's second service was as a volunteer under a Captain John Irwin a Militia Officer under whom and Colonel Pickens the applicant was marched to Beach Island where he was stationed four months to prevent the passage of the British from the Georgia to the South Carolina side of Savannah River, from Beach Island he was marched back to Ninety Six District where he was verbally discharged.

3rd The applicant being still attached to Captain John Irwin's Company was detailed from that to proceed or march to Neils Fort in the State of Georgia on the Head of Broad River to guard that post, he does not recollect the names of the Officers he was under done duty at this post about one month, --

4th The Applicant's fourth service was under a Lieutenant Wardlaw, he was drafted out of Captain John Irwin's Company to guard the frontiers of South Carolina on Broad Mouth Creek near the Cherokee boundary line, in Abbeville District, then Ninety Six District against Indian encroachments, here the applicant was taken prisoner by a Colonel Boyd a Tory Officer, who marched the Applicant with other prisoners to Kettle Creek in the State of Georgia and was a prisoner during the Kettle Creek battle¹ in which Colonel Boyd was killed, the defeated Tories

¹ February 14, 1779, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kettle.htm>

after marching him & other prisoners one day and night, requested the prisoners to intercede & obtain a pardon for them, to which the prisoners agreed and all marched back & came in to General Pickens at Fort Charlotte in Abbeville or Ninety Six District who pardoned the Tories, and discharged them, to go to their homes in safety, this was before the siege of Ninety Six, whole tour of duty this time & while a prisoner the applicant computes at about two weeks at least. –

5th Service -- The applicant's fifth service was a tour of duty in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians of about one month, but does not recollect the name of the Captain he was under, or the name of the commanding Officer. --

6th Service The applicant's sixth service was as a militia man under one Captain Irwin at the siege of Ninety Six² where he performed duty with others of the Militia under General Pickens who commanded them, until General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] raised the siege, with his force he was marched in the said Captain Irwin's company to the Congaree River in this State, where he was encamped two weeks from this place, he was marched, through the Dutch fork to the Ridge & from thence back to Ninety Six or Cambridge which on their arrival was smoking from the fire put to it by the evacuated British and at which place he was discharged does not recollect how long he was out in this tour of duty. --

7th Service -- The applicant, this seventh time, entered the service as a volunteer under one Captain __ Dunn a volunteer Officer from the State of Georgia by whom he was marched from Little River in the District of Ninety Six, through Buncombe and to the Moravian town in North Carolina was in a skirmish with a small party of Tories under Colonel Washington and is not certain where or at what time he left Captain Dunn.

8th The applicant's eight service in the defense of the United States was as a volunteer in Captain Andrew Miller's Company at the Battle of the Cowpens³ that he was in that battle on the wing commanded by Colonel McCall and Major Noble, that he was under Colonel Pickens, assisted in guarding & conveying the prisoners taken in this battle to North Carolina to some place beyond Gilbert town, where the prisoners were delivered to another Officer name not recollect, that he was then marched to a place called the Hollows and arrived at Beatties Ford on the Catawba River which Ford he assisted in guarding against the passage of the British for several days, he then joined some North Carolina troops under General Davidson & was marched with them as far as a widow Tarrence house⁴ where Tarleton's infantry & horse fired on & dispersed the American troops who however got together again. –

9th The applicant's last service was under Colonel Lee & Colonel Washington with whom he served on high rock Ford on Haw River where they kept the enemy from foraging and plundering the adjacent Country, at Perkins mill had a skirmish with the British, under Colonel Pickens then started for the Moravian town to recruit men & horses, the applicant was then marched to State of South Carolina where he was actively and constantly engaged in suppressing the Tories and enemies of the country until the close of the Revolutionary War. The Applicant further states that from the period he joined Captain Dunn which was the commencement of his 7th service, down to the period of his last and ninth Service includes a period of nearly three years.

Answers to certain Interrogatories

Answer to 1st Interrogatory -- The applicant says he was born in Ireland, but was brought to this

² May 22-June 19, 1781, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ninety-six.htm>

³ January 17, 1781, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowpens.htm>

⁴ February 1, 1781, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/torrences-mkr.htm>

country at the age of six or seven years & from the best information, was born in the year 1762.
Answer to 2nd Interrogatory -- The Applicant says that he has no record of his age.

Answer to 3rd Interrogatory -- The Applicant says that he was living within 10 miles of Cambridge or Ninety Six in Ninety Six district when he first entered the service of the United States, that since the Revolutionary War, he has lived at the same place, & where, he does now live.

Answer to 4th Interrogatory -- The Applicant says, he was called into the service of the United States either as a drafted militia man, or acted as a volunteer.

Answer to 5th Interrogatory -- The Applicant says, that he was with General Greene at the Siege of Ninety Six with Colonel Morgan at the battle of the Cowpens and was with Colonel Lee & Colonel Washington & other Officers not recollected -- that he does not recollect with certainty Continental or Militia Regiments to give anything like a correct statement respecting them, that in his declaration the circumstances of his services are set forth. --

Answer to 6th Interrogatory -- The Applicant says, he was always verbally discharged. --

Answer to 7th Interrogatory -- Andrew Logan, James Irwin, Thomas where, Joseph Wardlaw & Addison McGehee are persons in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

The Applicant also 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.

S/ James Wardlaw, Clerk

S/ William Buchanan, I his mark

[Hugh Dickson, a clergyman and James Arnold gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Andrew Logan⁵ a resident of the District of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina do solemnly swear that the statement made by William Buchanan in his declaration for a pension called his sixth service is substantially correct and true, as I was a brother soldier in the same company under Captain John Irwin and served personally with him the same time & the same period he has stated. I further swear that William Buchanan served with me in a corps of mounted horsemen under Captain Samuel Moore a partisan Officer several months which service the said William Buchanan has omitted to state in his declaration, that I know the said William Buchanan to be a man of truth, and honesty & a very respectable citizen of Abbeville District

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Andw Logan

25 October 1832

Test: S/ James Wardlaw, Clerk

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS: Amended Declaration of William Buchanan an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of seventh June 1832 in Conformity with the Brief Objections to his declaration by the War Department

Abbeville District --

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the District of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina William Buchanan being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less

⁵ [Andrew Logan S9375](#)

than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades viz.

1st Service For two months, 14 days, I served as a private under Lieutenant Wardlaw, there being no Captain in command.

2nd Service For four months, 14 days I served as a private under Captain John Irwin I have forgotten the names of his subaltern officers.

3rd Service For one month & seven days I served as a private at Neils Fort and in going & returning from the Fort but cannot recollect the name or names of the Officers in command, but think General Williamson had the command of the troops.

4th Service For two weeks, I served as a private under Lieutenant Wardlaw, the only Officer in command, including the period of any imprisonment, set forth in my fourth service.

5th Service For one month I served as a private, I think under Captain Irwin & General Pickens Officers in the Cherokee expedition mentioned in my fifth service.

6th Service For one month I served as a private under Captain John Irwin and I think Joseph Wardlaw John Wardlaw were his subaltern Officers at the siege of Ninety Six and in this tour of duty.

7th Service For one month I served as a private under a Captain Dunn his subaltern Officers I do not recollect so as to name them.

8th Service For four months at least I served as a private under Captain Andrew Miller & Lieutenant Joseph Wardlaw, the former of whom was killed, and the latter of whom was wounded at the battle of the Cowpens. After Captain Andrew Miller's death I joined a company commanded by Captain Moses Little or Liddell his subaltern Officers, I do not recollect their names, I served under this Officer Captain Little at least two months as a private, these latter facts I omitted to mention in my declaration from defect of memory & recollection, but they are substantially true & I hope we'll in the estimate of my eighth service, be taken into consideration & granted to me, which entire service under Captain Miller & Captain Little I put down at the six months service, I served as a private under these two captains.

9th Service For three weeks at least I served as a private under Colonel Lee and Colonel Washington, Colonel McCall, General Pickens with an embodied force of troops in number about 1000 men, I served this three weeks service under Captain Little his subaltern's I [do] not recollect.

The Applicant further swears that he has no record of his age, that it has long since been lost, & that his recollection of his age is derived from events & facts which he personally knew to exist.

The foregoing Sworn to this 15 May 1833

S/ W. C. Black, JP

S/ William Buchanan, I his mark

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District:

Personally appeared before me Andrew Logan who being duly sworn saith that he was a Soldier in the war of 1777 & 80 and that William Buchanan was a soldier in the same war commanded by the same Captain John Irvin.

I furthermore certify that William Buchanan is the only son of Said William Buchanan who is now living -- I am and have been well acquainted with the Family since that time. Subscribed & Sworn to this 21st day of September 1854.

Before

S/ Andrew Logan, X his mark

S/ Jno R. Tarrant, Magt.

[fn p. 11: affidavit dated July 28, 1856 given in Abbeville district South Carolina by Captain John Irwin and Alexander Turner in which they state that the veteran died in Abbeville district South Carolina on May 15, 1836; that they were present at his funeral; that he died leaving no widow but survived by the following children: Mrs. Isabella Blake and Mary Buse and that John Buchanan who was the executor of the veteran's estate died since the veteran's death.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months and 19 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]