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Pension Application of John Buford S30301

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State of Kentucky, Garrard County Sct:

On this 28 day of September 1833, before Hugh W McKee one of Justices of the Garrard County Court, personally appeared in open court John Buford, a resident of Garrard County in the state of Kentucky, aged 69 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the united states in the month of September 1780, as a volunteer in the militia, and marched from Bedford County in the State of Virginia to Norfolk, and thence further down on the south side of James River. That the company to which this affiant was attached was commanded by John Otie [sic: John Otey], and the Regiment was commanded by Col. Merriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether] – Genl Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was the commanding general. He states that he served 6 months under this engagement.

That in September 1781 he again volunteered in the militia, and marched from Bedford County in Virginia, to York; where Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the american forces [19 Oct 1781]. This affiant was in the siege at York and saw the British forces march out and surrender their arms. That he served 3 months on this tour.

He states that he resided in Bedford County, Virginia, when he entered the service, and now resides in Garrard County, Kentucky, where he has resided for upwards of 40 years.

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.

Subscribed and sworn to this 28th day of September 1833 [signed] John Buford

Interrogatories put to John Buford by Moses V. Gr[ant] one of the Judges of the Garrard County Court.

1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Bedford County, State of Virginia, on the 12 February 1764.

2nd. Have you any Record of your age, & if so where is it?

Ans. I have no Record of my age in my possession, but have seen it in the possession of my brother who resides in the state of Missouri.

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

Ans. I was living in Bedford County. Since the Revolutionary I have resided in Lincoln and Garrard Counties in the state of Kentucky, in the latter of which I now live, and have lived for many years.

4. How were you called into service?

Ans. I volunteered in both tours.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the Troops where you served – such continental and millitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I knew Col Merriweather, also Genl Parker, and General Muhlenburg. General Washington was the commanding general, and I saw him frequently during the siege of York.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans. I can only recollect that we were discharged at Cabin Point, about 14 miles from Petersburg; if I ever received a written discharge I have lost it.

7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Ans. I am known to Augustine Jennings & Thomas Kennedy and many other residents of Garrard County.