

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Butram S3100

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State of Kentucky Wayne County: On this 30th day of January 1834 personally appeared before me Benjamin Hancock an acting Justice of the peace for said County William Butram a resident citizen of the County of Wayne aforesaid who was born on the 15th day of July 1759 agreeable to his record which he now has in his Bible as taken from the record of his father's Bible and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath states in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary [war] in Rowan County North Carolina a drafted private soldier to serve against the Cherokee Indians he entered the service in said County on the 14th day of August he is not certain the date from the great lapse of time and from old age and loss of memory, but he thinks it was in the year 1777.<sup>1</sup> Henry Davis was his Captain & Major James Smith and Colonel Frank Lock [sic, Francis Locke], Bazel Billingsley Lieutenant and James Billingsley Ensign, went on and joined headquarters at Pleasant Gardens near Catheys Fort and then went on through the Cherokee Nation and burnt and destroyed many of their Towns and cut down their corn and finally marched back to Salisbury having served out said tour he had a written discharge from said Captain Henry Davis and some years thereafter he was again Drafted to serve the another three months Tour under Captain William Davis & Lieutenant Bottenhammer he cannot state the precise Time of entering said service but it included the fall season of the year mostly and marched and crossed Little River and Drowning Creek and marched down to Moore County through Randolph and finally marched back home and having served out said Tour of three months he had a written discharge from his said Captain William Davis he cannot state the date of said last mentioned Tour but he thinks it was in the year 1779. He again volunteered as a light horsemen to serve against the British and Tories under Captain John Garrison, he entered the service this time some time in the fall season he cannot state the precise time he thinks it was in the year 1780. He recollects that it was the fall not certain in the month or day and marched to many places, was not further than 40 miles from home – and marched back home he had a written discharge from said Captain having served one month. This last Tour and was making in the whole seven months. The applicant kept his discharges some years after the war and his house was burned down in Rowan County

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<sup>1</sup> Given the event he describes, I think it more likely the service was rendered in 1776.

North Carolina and his said discharges burned so that he has no documentary or written Evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service. Applicant is well acquainted with Herman Wynn Esquire of his neighborhood and Major George Bruton, John Mash and Benjamin Hancock & Jesse Powers all of his immediate neighborhood who can Testify to applicant's good character for veracity and the Traditionary belief of his whole neighborhood of his having been a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Applicant is unable to attend a court of Record from bodily infirmity. He states that there is no clergyman in his present neighborhood, he cannot get one without considerable Trouble and is wholly unable to get one without getting some person to go after one. Applicant was born in Rowan County North Carolina and there raised and continued there many years after the war and married there and had four children there and then moved to Iredell County North Carolina stayed there 19 years, thence to Lee County Virginia stayed there about 10 years, thence to Wayne County Kentucky where he now lives and has lived for the last 18 years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Hancock, JP

S/ William Butram, X his mark

[George Bruton & John Mash gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On January 12, 1847 in White County Tennessee, the veteran applied to have his pension payments made in Tennessee having recently removed there to be with one of his daughters.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]