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Pension Application of Henry Buchanan S37807

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Virginia, York County Court 21<sup>st</sup> June 1819

This day Henry Buchanan of the County of York and State of Virginia appeared in open Court, and being duly sworn deposed and declared, "That he is a native born resident of the United States; that he entered the American Army on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1778 – was enlisted by a Addison Lewis a Captain in Colo. Theodorick Blands Regiment of Horse for the term of three years. That the Regiment marched to the North where it remained about three Months. That Colo. Bland having resigned from the command of the Regiment he was superceded by Lt. Colo. Benjamin Temple. From the North the Regiment returned to Winchester in Virginia where it was innoculated for the small pox – That in the spring of '79 it was ordered to the South and that he was engaged in the Siege of Savannah [24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779], the Battles of Campden [Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Guilford Ct. house [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and the Affair at Monks corner [probably skirmish at Moncks Corner SC, 14 Apr 1780]. That having returned to Virginia and completed the term of his service he was discharged in the County of Gloucester by Major John Hughes either on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> day July 1781. He further declares that he does not receive from the Government any pension for services rendered during the revolutionary war. That he is in reduced circumstances and requires the aid and assistance of his Government for his support."

John Slaughter of the County of York and State aforesaid also appeared in open Court and made oath that he served in the same Corps with Henry Buchanan during the revolutionary war and that he knows that many of the above facts are, and he believes all are correct.

Virginia, York County Court 18<sup>th</sup> November 1822.

Henry Buchanan personally appeared in court and made his declaration as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, in order to entitle him to a pension under the act of Congress passed the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, in the words and figures following to wit.

"York County Virginia SS On this eighteenth day of November 1822, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County, Henry Buchanan aged Sixty one years, resident in the said County of York and State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, in the first Virginia Regiment fifth Troop of Cavalry from the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1778 till the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. And that I have not since that time, by Gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818. and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts due to me. Nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: to wit: 1 Cow and Calf 2 yearlings. 25 Acres of poor Land with a wooden house thereon twenty feet by 18 but not finished – that I am very infirm, am by occupation a farmer and have three small children the eldest twelve years old the next about nine years old and the youngest but four years old which reside with me, and I have them to support. Henry Buchanan" And It is ordered that it be certified as the opinion of this Court that the property contained in said Schedule is of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Hall of Delegates. February 20<sup>th</sup> 1823.

Dear Sir [Honorable Burwell Bassett Of the House of Representatives]. This moment I have received the Income Declaration and Valuation of the property of our old and almost worn out friend H Buchanan. I hasten to forward it, and most devoutly hope, even late as it is, that you will succeed for him. I pray to try & not defer it, for if you do it is probable the Grave will close on both him & his sorrows before the next Congress.

I concur perfectly in your view of the propriety of not pressing at the present late period of your session, the consideration of the erection of a monument on the spot where Washington Captured Cornwallis – when in fact, the seal of our Liberty was virtually set.

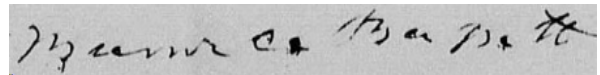
It is said here, that both Patterson of Mathews & Carter Braxton who is also now a resident of Mathews will be Candidates for the approaching Congress – be this as it may – of one thing I am satisfied that as long as you are willing to serve us, no other person need offer.

Will you do all you can for Buchanan: It is to him almost like a question of Life & death. Pray let me hear from you & say what has become of Goodalls petition?

It is expected that we shall be up, certainly on Monday or Tuesday next, and possibly on Saturday.  
Sincerely yr fr'd/ S Jones

Washington Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 23

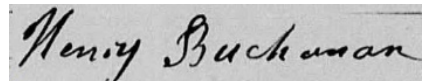
Dear Sir [J. L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner] I have ask your attention to the inclosed schedule of Henry Buchanan. I can add of my own knowledge that he is a poor man Will you have the goodness to let me hear the answer before I leave this. most respectfully/ your obt ser/

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Camp".

NOTES:

Henry Buchanan gave a much more detailed account of his services in support of an application by William Camp R13001.

An application for a new pension certificate dated 3 Feb 1825 is signed as shown:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Buchanan".

A document in the file states that Buchanan died on 20 April 1841.