

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Buchanan S37812

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[The digital images of this pension application as posted on both Footnote.com and HeritageQuest.com are extremely faint. I have made out the text as best I can but there is a great deal of conjecture.]

Georgia Newton County

On the thirtieth day of September in the year 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record in & for the [illegible] Circuit said County & State James Buchanan resident in said County aged 69 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by act of Congress for the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820; that he the said James Buchanan enlisted for the term of three years in the fall of the year 1778 according to the best of his recollection in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by John Buchanan at the time of his enlistment in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] subsequently transferred to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] and Captain Jackson's [William Jackson's] Company in the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 12th day of May 1780 when he was among the number of the prisoners taken by the British at the fall of Charleston¹ and that he made his escape from his said imprisonment and joined the Militia of the State of South Carolina and continued in service until the restoration of peace; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not upon the roll of any State and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that he is a man who pursues the humble walks of life, that he has always resided at a considerable distance from the Court House, that there are but few newspapers taken in his neighborhood and that he did not know with certainty until the last winter that any provision was made for indigent Revolutionary Soldiers -- Had he had known that such provision was made he would have [indecipherable word] by his circumstances to have made the application long since. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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"

¹ Battle of Charleston citation <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

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. Since the act of the 18th Marched 1818 no changes have taken place in his property that has affected his pecuniary matters except the loss of two horses by death, that he has always been indeed a poor man since he came from the service of his Country -- and making [several indecipherable words] support by the labor of his own hands until age has crept upon him & rendered it necessary for him to make the present demand from the government. He is by occupation a farmer with but little ability to pursue it being occasionally afflicted with pains in both his shoulders. He has in family himself and aged wife & daughter.

Sworn to and declared on the 30th day of September 1829 before me

S/ K. W. Hargrove, D. Clk

S/ James Buchanan



Schedule of property owned & possessed by James Buchanan

50 acres of land worth	\$100 and for which he owes \$50
1 cow & calf	\$10
8 head of Hogs	<u>\$12</u>
	\$72

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing September 1829 for three years service as a private in the South Carolina line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to James Buchanan AA24
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 869

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[Note: I believe the documents transcribed below relate to the above veteran but it is possible that I am mistaken in this belief. I base my opinion on the similarity of the signature of the veteran.]

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No. 110

No. 2447 Book X

19 April 1786

James Buchanan For Militia Duty as Adjutant in Waters's [Philemon Waters'] Regiment since the Reduction of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant].

Amounting

to [old South Carolina] Currency £81.0.0
Stg. [Sterling] £11.11.5

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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Received the 19th of April 86 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 2447 Lib. X per order

S/ Rich'd Stroker

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich'd Stroker". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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South Carolina

Ninety Six District} Gentlemen Please and deliver my Indents to Richard Stroker and his receipt shall be yours

S/ Ja.^s Buchanan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ja. Buchanan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

to the Public Treasurers of South Carolina

Certified by me this 23rd June 1786

S/ Geo. Ruff, JP