

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Brus (Banks) S39172  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee     }                 July 1<sup>st</sup> 1818  
Washington County    }                 Then personally appeared before me Thomas Emmerson one of the  
Circuit Judges of the State of Tennessee the subscriber Edward Brus or Banks, and in pursuance to an act  
of Congress of the United States, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and  
naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and to receive the benefits thereof made &  
subscribed the following declaration after being first duly sworn.                         towit

that he the said Edward Brus (alias) Banks was enlisted in the continental service in the  
Revolutionary war, in Hallifax [sic: Halifax] County State of Virginia (at what precise time he has not now  
a distinct recollection) but was enlisted in the Virginia line of continental troops for Eighteen months, by  
Taply White [sic: Lt. Tarpley White] an officer of subordinate grade, and that into the Company of Capn.  
Ousnam under the command of Colonel [Abraham] Buford that he was marched from Hallifax to  
Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] after his enlistment, and then to the assistance of Parkers [Col. Richard  
Parker's] Regiment in Charleston, that on the march thereto, Bufords Regiment to which he was attached  
was surprised by Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton], and almost cut off, that he this deponant, was  
wounded then in Bufords defeat [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] and stripped and left on the  
ground for dead, that the defeat of Buford was about twelve months after his enlistment, and that he was  
enlisted in Bufords Regiment, but at this late day & from his frail memory he cannot recollect the number  
of said Regiment. He further states that after the defeat of Buford, he was when discovered to be alive  
taken by the British, and being so far spent with his wounds was set loose on parol of honor, and was by  
that means prevented getting a discharge. that he before [illegible word] prisoner hand fulfilled nearly  
thirteen months of his eighteen months for which he enlisted

he also states that he is now a citizen of Washington County & State of Tennessee & has been for  
seventeen years and never has been out of the United States in his life that he is now aged sixty seven  
past, and from the remanes of his wounds got when in service, he never has been capable of enduring  
hard labour, and has been for a long time & now is in very reduced circumstances, insomuch that he  
stands in need of assistance from his country for support, that he never has been placed on any pension  
list of the United States and that at this late period he has no knowledge of any person by whom he can  
prove his services rededer the United, but hopes that the Rolls of the army of the Revolution – that is of  
Colonel Bufords regiment of the Virginia line will corroborate this his statement

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 1<sup>st</sup> July 1818                         Edward hisXmark Brus (alias  
Edward   Banks

District of Washington SS. Carter County

ON this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record  
for the said district & county Edward Brus (alias) Edward Banks aged seventy one years, resident in  
[blank] in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he  
served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that in Hallifax County State of Virginia for Eighteen months  
he enlisted into the continental army in the Revolutionary war under Captain Taply White of Colonel  
Coles Regiment of of Virginia troops and was marched to Petersburgh Va and was then put under Col  
Bluford & by him marched to Santee and was there defeated at the hanging Rock [see endnote], in which  
engagement together with many of the southern engagements with Tarlton he was in, and was severely  
wounded at Blufords defeat and did heretofore apply for a pension on account of indigence which he  
obtained the date of his original declaration was July 1<sup>st</sup> 1818 and his certificate is of No. 6670 and date 5<sup>th</sup>

July 1819

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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

towit 3 horses (small) worth	\$100
D[itt]o 8 cattle at \$50 and some calves	50
some hogs running wild in woods	12
8 sheep	
pot & 2 little ovens both broken	2
some little dresser ware worth	<u>2</u>
	\$166

that much of the above stock has been created by his pension which he has been drawing for near two years, that he is by occupation a farmer, rents land, and rears his stock above in the mountains. that he has a wife and two children living with him that his wife and himself are both unable to labour, himself by reason of wounds received in the army, and wife owing to sickness unable to more than walk across the floor, and is alone supported by his two children which will shortly leave him, and is dependant upon his pension for support the same having produced him the above property in a great measure

Sworn to, and declared, on the 16th day of November in open Court

Edward Banks hisXmark alias Brus

NOTE: Buford's detachment arrived at Leneud's Ferry on Santee River in SC in early May 1780, where they learned that they were too late to enter the besieged city of Charleston. Buford's defeat was approximately 110 mi to the NW of Leneud's Ferry and about 12 mi N of Hanging Rock.