

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Butler S39264

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District of        }

Laurens [SC] } SS. – Richard Butler on this twenty third day of March 1830 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the district of Laurens resident in said District aged Eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, & the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820; that he the said Richard Butler enlisted for the term of three years or during the War on the fifteenth day of October in the year 1776 in the State of Maryland, in the Company commanded by Captain Clicket [possibly Horatio Clagett], in the regiment Commanded by Colonel [John] Gunby in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about three days after the battle of Guilford C.H. [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] when he was discharged from the service in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State – and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension — The deponant did make application through Gen'l Casey many years ago who died while in Congress and that about five years ago he applied through Gen'l. Tucker & so far as his public means allowed him he has been incessant in his applications.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, 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 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 or property whatsoever. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, there has been no change in my property.

Schedule of Richard Butler

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 I had no property, nor have I any yet except necessary clothing I have no occupation I did farm for a support when able, but for three years I have been unable from old age to pursue any business I have no family living nor had I any on the the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818.

Sworn to & declared in open Court before Richard Gantt                      Richard hisXmark Butler

Council Chamber, Annapolis, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1830.

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls remaining in this Office, that Richard Butler enlisted as a private in the third Maryland Regiment, on the sixteenth day of November 1777 and was present on the 1 November 1780.    J. Murray Clk of the Council

[The following in the same file as the above evidently applies to a different Richard Butler.]

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County

Be it remembered that on this second day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty four before the subscriber Judge of the Circuit Court for the third judicial Circuit of the state of Maryland composed of the counties of Frederick & Carroll

Appears Ormond F. Butler son of Richard Butler dec'd, and makes oath in Court that the foregoing [sic: following] is a true Copy of the original acmp't in his possession and in the hand writing of his deceased Father, and it does not appear that he has received any part of portion thereof And this opponant [sic] futher declares that he believes the said account to be just and true as stands stated in the original of which the foregoing is a true Copy

Dy The United States in accm't with Richard Butler

1777 January To a horse lost whilst I was acting as quater Master to Col'n. James Johnsons batalion of Maryland Malitia on there march to the Eastward or now new Jersey which horse was left in the care of one Fox who drove one of the bagage wagons and was stolen or strayed away

The amount of Clam with interest from the year 1777 to the year 1802 as stands stated in the original in pounds shillings & pence £37.10.00

To Six Months service as quater Master stationed at Frederick Town Maryland commencing the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1779 and ending the 15 of October 1802 with interes from the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 to the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 1802 the amount of Clam and interest as stands stated £129.13.2

The amount brought over £ 37.10.0

The amount of clam up to the year 1802 £167. 3.2

And the deponent futher declares tha his Father died in Frederick City on the 27 day of April 1815 and that his mother died on the 28 of the same mont one day apart That they left five children Viz Margret Ormond, Catharine, Richard, Polly, who moved to the west Margret died about 2 years ago in or near daton [sic: Dayton] Ohio Catharine when last heard from lived in Indianapolis [sic: Indianapolis]

Richard and Polly in Germin Town [sic: Germantown] Ohio when last heard from

[A witness gave the name of this Richard Butler's wife as Amelia. The file also contains a record of the marriage of Richard Butler to Amelia Fischer on 21 May 1786 by Rev. John Andrew Thrug in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Frederick.]