

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Butler: S41463

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State of North Carolina}

Bertie County}

Personally appeared before me Thomas Ruffin Judge of the Superior court of Law and equity for the County of Bertie John Butler and maketh oath that he was a soldier in the army of the United States in time of the Revolutionary War, that he was enlisted in Windsor North Ca. by Lieu. Thomas Blount Whitmell in the year 1776. and that he served in the Company of Capt. Jeremiah McCland of the 4th North Carolina regiment. That he was discharged after a service of three years by Col. [Robert] Mebane at Halifax and his discharge he sold to Col. Hardy Murfree and he further states that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his government for support

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 24th April 1818. John hisXmark Butler

State of North Carolina}

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Court of pleas and quarter sessions held for the County aforesaid at the Court house in Windsor on 2^d Monday of November A.D. 1820

On this 17th day of November AD 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record for the County aforesaid, made so by the laws of North Carolina proceeding according to the Course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine and imprisonment, John Butler aged 66 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; viz. that he enlisted on or about the 4th day of May 1776 for the term of two years and six months in Windsor Bertie County N Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Jeremiah McLayn or McLean in the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Polk in the line of the State of North Carolina on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve until the expiration of the said two years and six months when he was discharged at Halifax N. Carolina - that he was in the battle of Charleston S. Carolina [Battle of Sullivans Island, 28 - 29 June 1776] - that he has received a pension under the act of 1818 commencing on the 24th of April 1818 at eight dollars per month that his pension certificate bears date the 5th day of March 1819, and he has received pay up to the 4th March last and that his pension certificate has no number on it.

And I the said John Butler 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 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 - viz - 220 acres of poor, barren, piny, marshy, wet, flat land valued by the assessors at 50 cents per acre
3 Cows - 3 Calves - 1 Heifer - 1 Small horse 14 years old - 22 head of small Hogs & pigs - some few poultry - 2 axes - 2 ploughs - 2 Hoes - 1 Bee hive - 1 Iron pot to cook in - 1 Spider to bake bread - a few plates knives & forks - 1 mug - 1 bed only -

The said John Butler further saith, that he is a farmer by occupation that his family is composed of six persons including himself viz - his wife Milly aged about 50 years, infirm & can do but little work Temperence his daughter aged 18 years; who works for herself, Sucky his daughter aged 14 years able to maintain herself - William his son aged about 16 years able to maintain himself - Abigail his daughter aged 8 years who can do but very little towards getting a living - the said John saith that he is nearly blind & cannot see to work or even to walk about without a guide to lead him

John hisXmark Butler