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Pension Application of John Butler S8115

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On this eighth day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Stephen Sutton a justice of the peace for the county of King William, and State aforesaid, John Butler, aged seventy years on the 19 day of January 1834, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June the seventh 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He the said John Butler of the aforesaid County and States, was drafted into the malitia service of the United States on or about the fifteenth day of October 1779, under Captain John Quarles and met at King William Court house, and marched from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to little York, from thence to Rich neck on James river, from thence to Holts forge, from thence and from thence to Sandy point and was there discharged, after having served a tour of two months. He was again ordered out by drafts, under Capt John Quarles, and met at King William Courthouse on or about the tenth of march 1780 and marched from thence to Burwells Ferry, and was there stationed until discharged, after having served a tour of two months. He was again ordered out by drafts under Captain Drewry, and met at Richmond, on or about the tenth of October 1780 and after being there a short time, he enlisted in the army during the war, and was under the command of Major Prior who thought proper to detach him from the army as an artificier, for the purpose of assisting in repairing the arms at Charlottsvill [sic: Charlottesville] he being a blacksmith by trade, in which capacity he served upwards of twelve months, making in the whole a service of one year and four months he was engaged in the service of his country, for which he claims a pension.

He the said John Butler, was born in the County of King William, and State of Virginia, where he has lived all his life. He was acquainted with the following named field officers– Col Holt Richeson [Holt Richardson], General [Thomas] Nelson, Major Matthews, Major Turbeville [probably Turberville], Major Prior, Major Ragsdale, and others, whose names he does not now recollect. He has no documentary evidence of his services at this time, having lost or mislaid them. John Taliaferro, Edmund Beadles, residents of the aforesaid County, and living in his neighbourhood know the said John Butler, and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state. [signed] John Butler

Interrogatories }

Question the first } When and in what place were you born?

Answer } I was born in the County of King William.

Question the 2nd. } Have you any record of your age and where is it?

Answer } I have no record of my age in my possession.

Question the 3rd } Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? and where do you now live?

Answer } I was living in King William County when I was called into service, where I have always & now live.

Question the 4 } How were you called into service? Were you drafted? Were you a substitute? and if a substitute? who for?

Answer } I was drafted into the service altogether.

Question the 5. } State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, and such continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer I have already named several of the officers in my declaration, and I recollect & knew the 87[?] regiment and others

Question the 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer I do not recollect to have received a written discharge.

Question the 7. State the names of persons in your neighbourhood to whom you are known, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer That I have already done in my declaration

[signed] John Butler

[Joel Beadles (pension application S17841) and Edmund Beadles (S17842) each certified that they had served two tours of militia duty of two months each in the same company with Butler.]