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Pension application of Nedom (Needham) Busby S9114

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State of South Carolina Lexington District

On the 26th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832

Personally Appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Isaiah J Evans Circuit Judge of the aforesaid State Nedom Busby a Resident in the District of Lexington Aged near Eighty years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. Says he was born in North Carolina Johnson [Johnston] County 1752, Left there when young – Came to this State when young; has no record of age if any does [exist he does] not know where it is; that he went into the Service in Fairfield District where he then Resided, was drafted militia man under Captain Richard Winn, afterwards General Richard Winn; marched after the Tories. Served Two or Three months – the next Tour was under Captain Thomas Woodward After the Tories again the time in service was one or two months the next Service was under Captain Joseph Kierkland [Joseph Kirkland] After the Tories that went to Augustein [St. Augustine Florida] about six months the duty next was under Captain William Kirkland under command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] – After the Tories and British three months and three days the next duty was under James Turner under the Command of Colonel __ Glenn [probably Lt. Col. David Glynn] Stationed at Mountses Mill Served about Two months the next Tour was twelve month Service under Captain James Turner in part and Captain Corkman [Bartholomew Gortman]; was Stationed nine miles below Columbia under Colonel Robert Goodwin; the next Service was under Colonel Robert Goodwin at least one month until after Charleston was taken by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. The next duty was under Lieutenant Frazser [perhaps Lt. Jacob Frazer] under Colonel Glen marched to Charleston Served Two months and a half, the next Tour was under Lieutenant John Frasizer [John Frazer?] and Captain Michael Lightner one month commanded by Colonel Richard Hampton – that his whole Tour of Service in the Revolutionary War was two years Seven months and fifteen days.

Says his name is not on any pension Roll and that he does hereby Relinquish every Claim whatsoever except the Present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court – the day above written.

S/ Edwin J. Scott, C. C. P. Lexington

S/ Nedom Busby, X his mark

[Thomas Rall, a clergyman, and A. H. Fort gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of South Carolina Lexington District

On this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable B. J. Earle the Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions now sitting Needham Buzby a resident of the District of Lexington in the State of South Carolina aged Eighty years 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 the 7th June 1832. Deponent saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – For two years and two months and for such service he claims a pension – to wit

1. I was born in Johnson [Johnston] County North Carolina in the year 1753.
2. I have no record of my age, if there is any I know not where it is but from tradition I am satisfied as to the time and place of my birth.
3. I was living in Fairfield District South Carolina when I went into Service in the time of the War removed into the adjoining District then Orange Parish called the Dutch Fork now Lexington District, where I now live and have lived ever since.
4. I was drafted as a Militia man in the winter of 1775, was called out 2 months in the company commanded by Captain afterwards General Richard Winn the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Winn against a body of Tories in the neighborhood of Dunkins Creek [Duncan's Creek], now in Union or Spartanburg District, succeeded in taking their Colonel (Fletcher) [Thomas Fletchall] and dispersing said Tories we returned to our Homes, the above service was at the time of what we called the Snow Camps by reason of the great quantity of Snow that fell on us [;] towards the spring of the year being one of what was termed a Minute men was called out one month as scouting after the Tories towards Savannah River and when we returned home, remained until the latter part of the Spring. I volunteered for Six months and went to Florida whence the Tories had fled & invited themselves with the British and Indians – I was in the company commanded by Joseph Kirkland in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwyn, General Williamson Commanded our whole force during the Campaign. In 1779 then was drafted and went out three months & three days in the company commanded by William Kirkland and said Colonel Goodwyn & General Williamson in which time General Green [Nathanael Greene] came on and the Armies Joined and marched under command of General Greene into the State of Georgia and was sometimes one side of Savannah River of the Carolina side & sometimes the Georgia side, and my time expired and was relieved Just before the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]. Soon after then turned out as Minute men and was Stationed at Moutz's Mills I was in the Company commanded by James Turner the Regiment commanded by Colonel Glenn laid there & was out one month and then a short time after some time in the fall turned out under Colonel Glenn to escort the wives of the Tories and disaffected women to Charleston where the Tories were with the British 2 months.

The next turn out was twelve months in the Company ~~sometimes~~ commanded First by James Turner and then Bat Cortman, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwin. Stationed nine miles below Columbia, part of the time and the balance of the time Scouting & Ranging until the war ended.

I was with & knew General Greene and his Army, I knew General Sumter & Colonel Wade Hampton being a Militia man when I was drafted or volunteered was relieved when the engaged term of my service expired no particular other discharge was given.

I am well known by Thomas Rives, Joseph Kennerly, Thomas Rall, Thomas Smith, Christian Freshly [?], Thomas Shuler, John Shuler, John Dicke, Adam Zeigler, Thomas L Veale, George Lindler, John A. Rister, John summer, Jr., Henry Eleazor, John Bouknight, Sr., & [illegible] & others all or any of whom I refer to speak & certified to my veracity & belief of my

services in the Revolutionary war.

The times specified for which I charge in my tours of service I was not employed in any Civil pursuit whatever but wasn't really in active service and Scouting after the Tories, Indians and British or Stationed in bodies at the different Points and places as stated above the whole term of 2 years and 2 months and longer if I could remember.

This applicant hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State as he never before applied for compensation as his services in the revolution were performed as a Militia man never understood they were embraced in any Act of Congress until the Act of 1832 deponent saith that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can testify to his services.

S/ Needham Busby, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court at Lexington Court

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

[Thomas Rall, a clergyman, and Joseph Kennerly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Lexington District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace, Needham Buzby who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

viz. 1778 at Dunkins Creek [Duncan's Creek] Station has a militia man drafted under Captain Richard Winn in Colonel John Winn's Regiment 2 months
Volunteered and turned out under Captain ordered Scouting 1 do
1779 Enlisted for 6 months under Joseph Kirkland in the Army commanded by General Williamson to go to Florida had a Battle with the Tories near St. John's River 6 do
1780 Drafted as a Militia man marched in the Company commanded by William Kirkland in Colonel Goodwyn's Regiment Commanded by General William who joined his Army with General Greene's Army near Augusta and crossed Savannah River and marched down said River had several Skirmishes with the Indians & Tories 3 do
" Called out under Colonel Glenn and stationed at Mouts's Mills – one month 1 do
" Then called out under Colonel Glenn to escort Tories wives and disaffected women to Charleston 2 do
1781 Was called out under Colonel Richard Hampton and marched into Orangeburg District to keep down the enemy 1 do
" Called out under Captain Lightner [Michael Leitner] Stationed at Spring Hill in the Dutch Fork 1 do
" Called out under Captain Turner and stationed at Faust's Ford on Broad River 1 do
1782 & part of 1783 was called out under Captain James

Turner & sometimes Captain Bat Gortman. Stationed
Nine Miles below Columbia on Congaree River
part of the time and balance Ranging and Scouting for

12 do
30 Months

Two years and Six months for which I claim a pension

Sworn to 4th March 1834

Before me

S/ Gott Fulner [?]JP

S/ Nedham Busby, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]

Another version

Pension Application of Needham Busby, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 431, S9114

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Lexington District, SC, 26 September, 1832:

“That he went into the service in Fairfield District where he then resided. Was drafted under Captain Richard Winn, afterwards General Richard Winn, marched after the Tories. Served two or three months. The next tour was under Captain Thomas Woodward after the Tories. Again the time in service was one or two months. The next service was under Captain Joseph Kirkland after the Tories that went to [St.] Augustine [FL]. The route was about six months. The next duty was under Captain William Kirkland under command of General Williamson after the Tories and British, three months and three days. The next duty was under Captain James Turner under the command of Colonel ____ Glenn. Stationed at ?Mountse’s? Mill. Served about two months. The next tour was twelve months service under Captain James Turner in part, and Captain Corkman (Gartman?) Was stationed nine miles below Columbia under Colonel Robert Goodwin, at least one month until after Charleston was taken by the British. The next duty was under Lieutenant Frazier under Colonel Glenn. Marched to Charleston. Served two months and a half. The next tour was under Lieutenant John Frazier and Captain Michael Leightner, one month commanded by Colonel Richard Hampton...”

Lexington District, SC:

“1778, at Dunkin’s Creek station, as a militiaman, drafted under Captain Richard Winn, in Colonel John Winn’s regiment. Volunteered and turned out under Captain Woodward, scouting.”

“1779, Enlisted for 6 months under Joseph Kirkland in the army commanded by General Williamson to go to Florida. Had a battle with the Tories near St. John’s River.”

“1780, Drafted as a militiaman. Marched in the company commanded by William Kirkland in Colonel Goodwin’s regiment, commanded by General William [son?], who joined his army with General Greene’s army near Augusta and crossed Savannah River and marched down said river. Had several skirmishes with the Indians and Tories.”

“1780, called out under Colonel Glenn. Was stationed at Moutse’s Mills, one month. Then called out under Colonel Glenn to escort Tories wives and disaffected women to Charleston.”

“1781, was called out under Colonel Richard Hampton, who marched into Orangeburgh

District to keep back the enemy. Called out under Captain Michael Leightner. Stationed at Spring Hill in the **Dutch Fork**. Called out under Captain Turner and stationed at Faust's Ford on Broad River."

"1782 and part of 1783, was called out under Captain James Turner and sometimes Captain Bat Gortman. Stationed nine miles below Columbia on **Congaree River** part of the time, and [the] balance ranging and scouting for _____"

"4. I was drafted as a militia man in the winter of 1775 [*also looks like 1777*]. Was called out two months in the company commanded by captain, afterwards General Richard Winn, the regiment commanded by Colonel John Winn against a body of Tories in the neighborhood of Dunkin's Creek, now in the Union or Spartanburg District. Succeeded in taking their Colonel Fletcher and dispersing said Tories, we returned to our homes. The above service was at the time of what we call the Snow Camps, by reason of the great quantity of snow that fell on us towards the spring of the year, being one of what was termed minute men. Was called out one month. Scouted after the Tories toward Savannah River and when we returned home, remained until the latter part of the spring."

"I volunteered for six months and went to Florida, whence the Tories had fled, and embodied themselves with the British and Indians. I was in the company commanded by William Kirkland in the regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwin. General Williamson commanded our whole force during the campaign."

"In 1779, then was drafted and went out three months and three days in the company commanded by William Kirkland and said Colonel Goodwin and General Williamson in which time General Greene came on and the armies joined and marched under command of General Greene into the state of Georgia and was sometimes one side of Savannah River on the South Carolina side, and sometimes the Georgia side, and my time expired and was relieved, just before the Battle of Stono."

"Some [time] after this, turned out as a minute man and was stationed at Moutse's Mills. I was in the company commanded by James Turner, the regiment commanded by Colonel Glenn. Lay there and was out one month, and then a short time after, sometime in the fall, turned out under colonel Glenn to escort the wives of the Tories and disaffected women to Charleston, where the Tories were with the British, two months."

"The next turn out was twelve months in the company sometimes commanded by James Turner, and then Bart Gartman in the regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goodwin. Stationed 9 miles below Columbia part of the time and the balance of the time scouting and ranging until the war ended."

"I was with General Green and his army. I knew General Sumter and Colonel Wade Hampton, being a militia man when II was drafted or volunteered..."

¹ 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.

