

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Buck W25411

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State of Ohio } On this twenty third day of April AD 1818 before me Robert Linzee one of the
Athens County Ss } Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County personally appeared
 William Buck of said County aged seventy three years who being by me duly
sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of
the provision of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land
and Naval Service in the Revolutionary War

That he the said William Buck on the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred & seventy six he enlisted as a Private Soldier in the Company of Captain Samuel Miller of the 8th
Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel McCoy and went with him to the Kittanian [sic:
Kittanning] Town where he continued about three months thence to Philadelphia from thence to Mount
Pleasant in the State of New Jersey thence to sundry places in the State of New Jersey untill the latter part
of the Summer of 1777 thence passed over into Pennsylvania & was at & in the Battles of Brandy Wine &
German Town [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777; Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and was afterward with Captain
Daniel Clark (to whose Company he belonged) at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at York Town [19 Oct
1781] that he continued in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war against the
Common Enemy for the Term of Four years and six months & that at the expiration of the Term he an
honorable written discharge from Colonel Vance of the Virginia Riflemen and that prior thereto to wit at
the expiration of the Term of his first enlistment which was for three years he received also a written
discharge from Colonel Daniel Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] of the Pennsylvania line both of which
discharges are now lost. That he is in reduced & indigent circumstances and stands in need of the aid of
his County. That no pension hath been heretofore allowed to or received by him and that he doth
renounce all claim to every pension heretofore allowed by the Laws of the United States
[Thomas Dickerson (pension application S44148) and Henry Jolly (S41710) certified that they had served
with Buck.]

District of Ohio, Athens County Ss Court of Common Pleas.

On this fourth day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said
County William Buck aged 76 years, resident in Athens Township in the County aforesaid, who being
first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as
follows, I the said William Buck in the year 1776, I think about the last of July, in Westmoreland County
Pennsylvania inlisted in the 8th Pennsylvania regiment commanded by Col. McCoy, in Samuel Millers
Company as a private, for the term of three years, after my enlistment I served with the said regiment
about four months on the Allegany [sic: Allegheny] River, near Pittsburgh, afterward in the Jersies and
Pennsylvania, and was present in the battle of Brandywine, and afterward in the Battle of Germantown,
with my said Company, and soon after retreated to the West and completed my time of service being
three years at Pittsburgh and received an honorable written discharge, signed by Col. Daniel Broadhead. I
have obtained a Pension from the Government under the act of 1818, the Certificate of which is numbered
12751 and have also received the amount of it to March 4th 1820.

And I 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 person 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.

Schedule of property

Real Estate none. One Horse, Two Calves, Five swine grown, Two Cows, one sow & eight Pigs, one Rifle Gun, one Plough, Three Hoes, Two Iron Kettles, Two Pots (Iron) One Oven (Iron) Three Chairs, Four Plates (earthen) one Pewter dish, One Wooden Tub, Two Buckets, one Barrel, one set of Horse Gears, One Axe, One Bible, one set knives & forks.

My occupation is that of a labouring farmer, my health is of late years impaired, and I am not able by my labour, to support my family. My Wife is 40 years old infirm of body. I have seven children, the eldest a daughter of 19 years of good constitution. I have One son of 17 years active & serviceable to me, my other children can do but little to assist in getting a living Wm Buck

District of Ohio, Athens County Ss. On this 25th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record of said County William Buck, aged 76 years, who at the last Term of the said Court, towit, in July 1820, made his declaration under oath in said Court, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress of the United States entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed march 18th 1818 as well as the act passed May the 1st 1820, and now further on oath declares.

That the family of the said William Buck consists of a Wife 40 years old very infirm of body and seven children Viz Hannah aged 19 years who is married and lives at a distance from me. John aged 17 robust and active. Enoch 10 years weak & sickly, Jesse nearly 14 years tollerable healthy and active; Samuel 8 years old very sickly, and has been constantly expensive to me for nursing & medicine, Charlotte six years old of good health; James 3 years old, the said William Buck further saith that his said Wife is far advanced in pregnancy. and from a wound in his leg received at Germantown battle he suffers great pain and is rendered unable to labour. Wm. Buck

NOTE: On 25 Jan 1854 Phebe Christian, 76, of Pokagon in Cass County MI, applied for a pension stating that she was the widow of William Buck, whom she believed to have been a Captain in Brodhead's regiment for about one year and six months, that they were married in Chillicothe OH in 1806, and that he died at Saint Marys in Mercer County OH in 1838. She stated that she married Nicholas Christian at Whitehall in Greene County IL in the fall of 1844, and he died about 15 Nov 1853. Her application was witnessed by Enoch Buck, who stated that he was the second child of William and Phebe Buck, born in Pokagon in 1810. On 5 Sep 1854 Phebe Christian applied to have her pension transferred to Illinois having moved to Grundy County with her son, Enoch Buck. On an application for bounty land dated 12 March 1855 while living in Greene County IL, Phebe Christian was said to be 80 years old, that her name before marriage to William Buck was Phebe Smith, and that Buck died on or about 1 March 1837.