

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Buffington W4906 Margaret Buffington VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 9 July 2014.

The State of Ohio Fairfield County Ss

On this day 30 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of the court of Common pleas for said County, in session, David Buffington a resident of Walnut township in said County, aged seventy 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 7th June 1832.

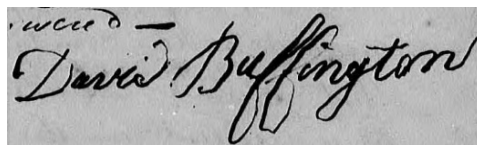
That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born in Hampshire County in Virginia Rumney [sic: Romney] and remained there untill the revolutionary war, when he entered in what was called the eighteen months service as a substitute for one William or Benjamin Ely, he cannot recollect with certainty the christian name. Ely was drafted, for that period of service, He had no captain, untill he joined the Regiment on James River, about 30 or 40 miles above the point of Forks, on that river [at the confluence with Rivanna river]. Was there put under command of Capt. Kil or Kirkpatrick [Abraham Kirkpatrick], in a Regiment, he thinks, commanded by Col. [Thomas] Gaskins, under the command of Baron Steuben, who disciplined them. He used as report said to send some of the Soldiers to hunt black snakes for him to eat, which he called bush Eals. The troops were driven from place to place in Virginia by Cirmwalas [sic: Cornwallis] and in that way he served out about fourteen months of the term of 18 months. He was at the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] during that term of service. In June or July 1782 before his first tour had expired he enlisted for the war, under the same Capt. in a Regiment commanded by Col. Phebaker [sic: Christian Febiger]. He got a furlow and afterwards joined the army at Cumberland old Courthouse. The Regiment being [illegible word] to South Carolina, he remained there untill the fall, from that he went to the Winchester barracks where he was discharged in the month of July 1783. He may be mistaken in dates but he served out the [illegible word] the period of two years & three months altogether. He sent his discharge for the last service to Richmond to obtain a land warrant in 1784 or 1785 & never saw it since. He thinks the assignee of his land claim rec'd from him his discharge. He assigned his claim to bounty land to John Foreman of Hampshire County. He has no evidence of his services other that the certificate herewith sent of his having rec'd. a land warrant for his services in the Continental Army.

He 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

His birth, he states, was registered in the family Bible but is obliterated or worn out.

He is well known to John Wiseman and Daniel Hall, neighbors – all other requisite interrogatories being answered.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Buffington". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

THESE are to CERTIFY that the bearer hereof David Buffington a Soldier in the first Virginia regiment, having faithfully served the United States from the 11th April 1781 to this date and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

Given at the war office the 6th July 1783

By order of the secretary at war,
[illegible signature] Sec'y

[signed] B. Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]

Registered in the books of the regiment/ [signed] William Eskridge LS adjutant.
[other side]

War office 1783.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the bearer as a discharge, until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace; previous to which time, and until proclamation thereof shall be made, he is to be considered as being on furlough.

B. LINCOLN

Certified [several illegible words] the 1st January 1782/ 16 July 1783.

Winchester Barracks 6th July 1783

Certified that David Buffington inlisted in the continental Army in May 1781 for Eighteen months & reinlisted for the war in May 1782 [several illegible words] This day discharg'd.

[signed] A Kirkpatrick Capt/ 1st Virg Regt

[signed] P Muhlenberg [Gen. Peter Muhlenberg]

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists David Buffington/ age 18/ height 5' 4"/ black hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ freckled/ planter/ born and residing in Hampshire County where he enlisted as a substitute on 11 Apr 1781 for the duration of the war. Sized 28 May 1781; furloughed 6 July 1782.

On 17 Jan 1855 Margaret Buffington, 82, applied for a pension stating that she married David Buffington in Hampshire County on 2 March 1784, and he died 6 Oct 1836. Their son, Richard Buffington, 52, submitted two pages of an original family record written by his father in an old family Bible then owned by John Frizzle, husband of Rebecca, daughter of David and Margaret Buffington. The first two entries in the family record, transcribed below, record the births of David Buffington's brother and sister, and the rest record the births of his children. Richard Buffington also stated that his parents moved from Hampshire County to Fairfield County in 1822.

Mary Daughter of William Buffington & Mary his Wife was born January 13th 1780

Richard Son of William Buffington & May his Wife was born April 26th 1782

Mary Daughter of David Buffington & Margret his wife was born May the 11th 1786 being Thursday four a Clock in the afternoon

Rebeckah Daughter of David Buffington and Margret his wife was Born September 6 Day 1788

John Son of David Buffington and margret His Wife was Born November the 18 1790

Catharine Daughter of David Buffington & Margret his wife was born April 16th 1793

Susannah Daughter of David Buffington & Margaret his wife was Born August 14th 1794 on Thursday

Peter Buffington Son of David & Margaret Buffington Was born Feb'y 22 1797

Richard Buffington Son of David & Margaret Buffington Was born Novm 21st 1802

Mary Ann Daughter of [page damaged] Margaret Buffing [page damaged; typed summary gives date of birth as 20 June 1806]

William Buffington of David was born in the year of our Lord August 1th day 1808