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Pension Application of John Butler W5953

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State of Virginia }
Hanover County }

To wit. On this 1st day of Feby 1837 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said County & State aforesaid Mary Butler a resident of said county aged about 98 years who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John Butler who was a private soldier in the Army in the Revolutionary War. That her age and loss of memory prevents her stating the circumstances of her s'd. husband's services except that he went into service from Caroline County in Virg'a. She further states that she was married to said John Butler many years before the Revolutionary War commenced – that she was married in s'd. County of Hanover. That her said husband died in s'd. county of Hanover and his will shews the date of his death and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

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NOTES:

The file includes an excerpt from the Chesterfield Size Roll (<http://revwarapps.org/b69.pdf>) for a different John Butler, who was from Culpeper County and filed pension application S39263.

The last will and testament of John Butler, Sr., dated 4 Apr 1824 and probated 27 Jan 1830, devised to his wife Mary Butler during her lifetime the use of the land on which he resided. Upon her death the following provisions were to take effect:

To son John Butler, Jr. the land referred to above as well as one feather bed and furniture.

To daughter Milley Hanes one dollar.

To son David Butler "one negro girl Maria and her future increase."

To son Thomas Butler "my negro woman Beck and my negro girl May (It being the same girl that I have given him a bill of sale for)."

To son Samuel Butler "my negro girl Cate (it being the same girl that I gave him a bill of sale for some years ago)."

To son William Butler "my negro boy Tom."

To son Peter Butler "my negro boy Joe."

To granddaughter Polly B. Thacker one shilling."

Peter Butler mentioned above may be to one who filed pension application S20890.

On 22 June 1837 John Butler of Hanover County, son of John and Mary Butler, stated that he remembered when "the enemy lay at John T. Anderson's" in Hanover County, and that his father was "attached to Col. William Washington's regiment or troop of horse." He stated "that he well recollects of frequently seeing his said father with the continental money which he had rec'd. in service and which was of little or no value. He has heard his s'd. father say he has given one hundred dollars of it for a gill [4 oz.] of spirits." He also stated that his parents were married "many years before the revolution commenced" and that "his father has been dead about nine years.

On 27 May 1837 David Butler of Louisa County VA, aged upwards of 72, stated that his brother, Peter Butler, was the eldest son of John and Mary Butler, and that he himself was their second child and born before the beginning of the Revolutionary War.