Pension Application of Thomas Butler S15029
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State of Kentucky  }  
County of Madison  } Sct.

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Worshipful the  
County Court of Madison, now sitting, Thomas Butler, a resident of Madison county, State of Kentucky,  
aged 74 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 June 7, 1832. That he entered the  
service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was  
drafted into the militia service in 1780, he thinks in the fall of that year. His officers were Capt. Wether, he  
rather thinks his major’s name was [Henry] Conway. Col. [John] Glenn and Genl Green [sic: Nathanael  
Greene]. He rendezvoused at Hillsborough, North Carolina, marched to the Cheraw Hills, South  
Carolina, where we camped and remained a while [Jan 1781], and returned to Hillsborough, and there to  
Bedford county Virginia, and received a discharge for this three months at or near Dan river, Virginia. He  
remained at home only a few weeks before he was again called upon and he volunteered his services the  
second time, perhaps about February or March 1781, and was in the battle at Guilford Court House,  
North Carolina [15 Mar]. He was this time commanded by Capt. Bowen Price, Maj. [John] Callaway, Col.  
[Charles] Lynch and Gen. Green. From the battle at guilford Court House he returned back to Bedford  
county, Virginia and was discharged. He thinks he was about six weeks or two months in service this  
time. In the fall of 1782 he volunteered his services again to go against the Shawnee Indians, under Capt.  
Dougherty, Col. Lyon, and Gen. [George Rogers] Clark, and marched from Lincoln County Virginia (now  
Kentucky) to the Chillicothe or Indian Towns. We burnt and destroyed the Towns and took some  
prisoners, had a few skirmishes with the Indians. He thinks they destroyed five or six Towns, then  
collected to Lincoln county again and was dismissed. He was in the service this time between six weeks  
and two months. He states that he resided in Bedford county, Virginia when he entered the service the  
first and second time and in Lincoln county the third time. He got a discharge for his first and second  
tours, but has lost them, for his last tour he never received a discharge. He has no documentary evidence,  
and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He was born in  
Bedford county Virginia in the year 1758. He has no record of his age at this time - he has had, but it is  
lost. He has resided in Bedford county Virginia part of his time since the revolutionary war, and then  
moved to Madison county, Kentucky, where he has resided upwards of forty years, and where he now  
resides. He does not recollect who signed his discharges above spoken of. He is known in his  
neighborhood to John Marrian and Daniel Pursell.

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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid [signed] Thos. Butler