

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Patrick Butler S31587

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State of Georgia } SS.

Elbert County }

On this twenty first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before Dilliard Herndon, James Oliver and William A Beck Justices of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Elbert, and State of Georgia now sitting Patrick Butler a resident of the said County of Elbert and State of Georgia, Aged seventy two years ten months and a few days, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated

That he substituted into the service of the United States for one William Allgood, the time not recollected under Captain James Anderson, and Lieutenant John Clay, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Nelson [possibly Gen. Thomas Nelson], that at the time when he entered the service he resided in the County of Meclenburg [sic: Mecklenburg] State of Virginia, that he joined his Company at Meclenburg Court House in the State of Virginia, marched from thence to Portsmouth where he joined his regiment, at which place he remained stationed, three months, the expiration of his service when he was discharged by Colonel Nelson.

That he also entered the service of the United States under Captain Richard Swepson in the month of July seventeen hundred and eighty, joined the Company at Meclenburg Court House State of Virginia, that he resided in the County of Meclenburg State of Virginia, marched from thence to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina where he joined his regiment Commanded by Colonel Cleaveland [sic: Benjamin Cleveland], under the immediate command of General [Horatio] Gates, from Hillsborough by Anson Court House in North Carolina to Rugelies Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill about 12 mi N of Camden SC], where he met the whole Army; but before he arrived at the mills, he served as a guard to General Gates for two or three weeks, on Deep River in South Carolina [sic: North Carolina], from the Mills marched towards Camden in the State of South Carolina, but before he arrived there he met the British army Commanded by Lord Cornwallis, on the night of the fifteenth of August [sic: about 2 AM, 16 Aug] seventeen hundred and eighty and was in the Battle fought there, commonly called Gates defeat, from thence he went back to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina, and on his way he was taken prisoner twice by the Tories, at one time he begged off, the other time he was relieved by a Captain Green from Hillsborough he went Home, after serving eight months in the United States Service, whilst in this service he was acquainted with General Gates the commanding officer of the [Southern Division of the] American Army, and that he served with the Continentals and Militia composing that Army, but does not now recollect the particular Regiments or Companies by name, he understood that Baron de Kalb commanded the Regular Troops.

A short time after his return he was again drafted into the the service of the United States for eight months under Captain [John] Brown, the date not now recollected, joined his company at one Widow Abbotts, in the State of Virginia, from thence he marched to Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina, where he was in the Battle at that place fought on the fifteenth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty one, from that place he had permission to Return home before his term of service had fully expired, that he was acquainted with General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and served with the Army commanded by General Green, composing of the Continentals Virginia and North Carolina Militia, the particular names of Companies or Regiments he does not recollect, that he resided in the County of

Meclenburg State of Virginia at the time when he entered the service, and that the whole of his services in the Revolutionary War Amounts to fifteen months or more. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He says that he was born the first day of March one thousand seven hundred and sixty, in the County of Hanover State of Virginia, says there is a record of his age, but he cannot tell where it is, he says that he lived in the County Meclenburg State of Virginia when called into service, and lived in the State of Virginia about two years after the Revolutionary War then removed to Elbert County (then Wilkes) in the State of Georgia where he has lived ever since, and now resides there. He says that he was drafted each time into the service of the Service of the United States, except the first time, then he substituted in the place of a man named William Allgood. He says the names of some of the regular officers who where with the troops where he served were, General Gates, Baron de Kalb, at Gates defeat in South Carolina, and Genls Green & [Isaac] Huger and he thinks Majors Boice & Tucker [sic: William Boyce and St. George Tucker] at the Battle of Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina, and that he served with the Army Generally at the two last named places, but does not recollect the names of the Regiments, that the first term of service he served only with his own Regiment. He say for the first term of service received a discharge given to him by Colonel Nelson, which has a long time since been lost, for the other services he received discharges, but he cannot recollect by whom given, which has also been lost or destroyed.

The names of the persons to whom I am known in my present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to my Character for Veracity, and there belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution are, James Oliver, Dyonyisious Oliver, David Hudson &c

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.

[signed] Patrick Butler