

Pension Application for Alexander Buchannan

S.40763

Pike County SS.

Pennsylvania

On this twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges for the said County, personally appears Alexander Buchannan aged sixty one years, resident in said County in the township of Upper Smithfield who by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war".

That he the said Alexander Buchannan enlisted in Little Britain in the County of Ulster in the State of New York in the beginning of March seventeen hundred and seventy six in the company commanded by Captain William Jackson—attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Clinton – from whom he received his discharge—and that he continued to serve in the said corps, in the service of the United States for the term of one year, when he was discharged, and afterwards several times drafted in the militia and that he continued in the service of the United States, either as an enlisted soldier or Militia man till the close of the Revolutionary War. He was discharged from service at Fort Constitution by Colonel James Clinton.

And that he is in reduced circumstances, is a cripple not able to travel from the house of his brother with whom he now resides, and entirely dependant upon the charity of his relations for a subsistence, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Dan'l W. Dingman

Letter in file dated January 14, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10463, that Alexander Buchanan enlisted at Little Britain, Ulster County, New York, March 1, 1776 and served one year as private in captain William Jackson's company, Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment.

He afterwards served several tours in the militia, no details stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 21, 1818, while a resident of Upper Smithfield Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania, aged sixty-one years.

He died March 25, 1819.

It is not stated whether soldier was married.

The above noted is the history of the only Alexander Buchanan, all spellings searched, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Note: in a letter addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington D.C., dated December 22, 1930 the following information was given in the letter.

"Alexander Buchanan was enlisted from New Jersey or New York, fought in the battle of Trenton, and was living in New Jersey at the time of the Battle of Trenton. He was captured by the British but later escaped and finished serving thru the war, but the date of his enlistment or discharge I do not have."