

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

State Pension Application of Matthew Burk VAS39  
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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

Agreeable to an order of Berkeley Court to me Directed I have proceeded to examin Matthew Burk a Con'tl [Continental] Soldier who stands upon the List of Pensioners and finds that he has been shot through the Body. I am of opinion that the weakness produced by the wound renders him unable to procure a living by hard labour, and that he is a proper object to stand upon the List of Pensioners, Given under my hand this.

20<sup>th</sup> February 1787

Charles [last name illegible] Surg't.

May the 8<sup>th</sup> 1787 Please to deliver my pension Warrant to Mr. Smith Slaughter & his receipt shall be good against me

Matthew hisXmark Burk

I do hereby Certify that Mathew Burk a Soldier in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, was wounded in his shoulder in the Battle of Trenton in the year 1777 [sic: 26 Dec 1776]. And always behaved himself as a good Soldier, and it is my Oppinion in Entitled to the State's Bounty in such Cases.

Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> July 1787

William Cherry/ late Cap'n. 4<sup>th</sup> Virg'a. Reg't.

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Matthew Burk aged about [blank] years, late a private in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virg'a. Regim't. whose pay was at the rate of £24 pr annum, was wounded in the Service of the United States and that he is allowed the sum of £12 yearly to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richm'd. the 22<sup>d</sup>. day of October 1787.

T. Meriwether

Edm. Randolph

Rec'd of John Slaughter Deputy Sheriff of Berkeley County Thirty Eight pounds the am't. of my Pension from the first of January 1786 to the fourth of March 1789. Mathew hisXmark Burk