

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

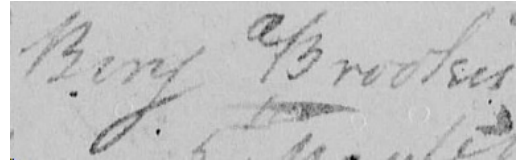
Bounty Land Claim of Thomas Burnett BLWt211-100 Mary Boody MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 22 July 2015.

County of Washington to Wit

On the 10th Day of Aug't 1805 Mary Burnett Came before a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty god, that she was the Lawfull wife of Thomas Burnett, late a Sergeant in the 3rd Maryland Reg't. who was killed in the action on the 16 of Aug't 1780 at Camden, in South Carolina, that Thos Burnett, now residing in Montgomery County, Maryland, is the lawfull son of the aforesaid Thomas Burnett, and the only Child living
Thos. Corcoran

Annapolis Aug't 16th 1781

I Hereby Certify that Mary Burnett was the Lawfull Wife of Sergt. Thos. Burnett of the 3rd Maryl'd Regim't. who was killed in the Action of the 16 Aug't. 1780 at Camden South Carolina and is Justly Intiled to his pay and Depriation [sic: depreciation pay] – he had no Cloth [clothing allowance] Due him. [Benjamin Brookes] Major
5th Mayl'd Regim.

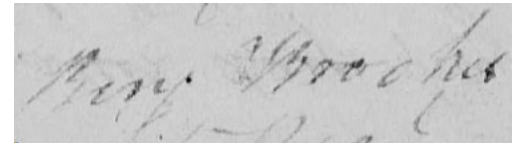


I Do Certify that the above mention'd Thos Burnett had four months & sixteen days pay due him from the first of ap'l. to the 16th Aug. 1780
[Thomas Price] P. M'r. [paymaster] 3^d M. Reg

I hereby Certify that Sergt. Thomas Burnett of the 3 Reg't. was Inlisted in said Reg't. on the 13 of March 1777 Benj. Brookes Major
5 Reg't

[undeciphered word] Sep'r 17 1787

Private Soldier to 31 Dec'r. 1777
Corpo'l. to 31 May 1780
Sergeant to 31 July 1780



The State of Maryland for the United States to Thomas Burnett
Sergeant 3rd Maryl'd Regt

[There follows a detailed account of the pay to Thomas Burnett, omitted here]

To my Pay as a Private Soldier	}	
from 13 th March 1777 to 31 st	}	£24. 1.0
Decem'r at 50/ [shillings] pr Month	}	

To my ditto as a Corporal from	}	
1 st Jan 1778 to 31 May 1780	}	79.15.0
at 55/ pr Month	}	

To my ditto as a Serg't. from	}	
1 June to 31 July 1780 at 75/	}	7.10.0
pr Month	}	
		£111. 6.0

Decem'r 16th 1781

This Acco't settled & adjusted by and allowed on the endorsed Certificate from Major Benj. Brookes and the following Oath taken by Mary Burnett Wife of the above Thos. Burnett

I Mary Burnett make oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God That I am the Lawfull Wife & Relict of the above Named Thomas Burnett by whom I have had two Children one of which is now living. Sworn before W. Wilkins

Auditors Office Annapolis June 9th 1804

I hereby Certify that it appears on the Musters of the Maryland Line lodged in this Office, that Thomas Burnett Enlisted in Captain Benjamin Brookes's Company in the third Maryland Regiment, on the 13th of March 1777 to serve during the War, that he is returned Missing on the 16th of August 1780 at which time he was a Serjeant, that after the first of November 1780 there does not appear to have been any musters of the Maryland line
Rob't. Denny Auditor Gen'l./ State of Maryland

Sir [Michael Nourse] Annapolis Sep'r. 12th 1804

I shall feel much gratified if in any manner I can assist in your Benevolent ententions towards Mary Boody. Edward Roberts will prove "that he and Thomas Burnett belonged to the same company, that they was in the Action of Aug 16 1780 – that Burnett was never heard of after, and was Believed by every person to have been killed that day which he Verily Believes to be true, because he Roberts was taken prisoner and remained some time with the British, and had Burnett shared his fate, he must have seen him Among the other prisoners"

Mary Boody has truly stated, that Mr Brice[?] was then Clerk of the County, and granted her licence, but at that period no Record was ever kept of the Marriages, by the Clerks of the different Counties. Sir, Robert Eden, the Gov. of the province received the Licence Money, allowing the Clerks a small [undeciphered word] for their trouble. I have no doubt, but she was lawfully married; indeed the thing was never doubted, they always passing for man & Wife, & so Acknowledged.

I have known Mary Boody above 40 years, indeed from her infancy, and she was always esteemed Virtuous, her Husband Burnet was personally known to me, having myself in the year 1772 purchased him from on Board a Ship he being an English indented [sic: indentured] Servant; for the term of two years. Should you be of Opinion that Roberts's Affidavit, and my own will answer any Valuable purpose, they shall be forwarded

I am Sir, your most Ob't HI Serv, [signed] Samuel Harvey Howard

NOTE: On 16 Oct 1804 Mary Boody, "late Mary Bennett & wife of Thomas Bennett," assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land. On 17 July 1805 John Boody relinquished any claim to bounty land received by his wife, Mary Boody.