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Pension Application of George Burch R1442

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State of Tennessee }                      October term 1832 court of pleas and quarter sessions  
Williamson County }

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court now sitting before us Nicholas Perkins Wright Stanley and Jabez Owens Justices of the court of pleas and quarter sessions held for Williamson county Ten. George Burch a resident of said county aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as as herein stated

I was born in King and Queen county Virginia in the year 1759 where I was raised and lived until after the revolution As soon as I arrived at the age of 16 years I was put on the muster List This was in the latter part of 1775 or first of 1776. About this time my father, being owner of a sloop called William and Mary, was pressed into the naval service, together with myself by Counsellor David Jameson. However it might not have been immediately after I was put on the muster roll I entered the naval service, for I mustered a short time under Capt Christopher Harwood and Col William Line, and Col Philip Pendleton. The first service, that I was employed in was about the time the Barracks was built at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] when the troops from King & Queen, King William, New Kent and Hanover Counties, were conveyed in vessels to that place My Father's vessel in which I served was employed in conveying the troops from my own King & Queen County to Williamsburgh. We also conveyed the provisions which was purchased by the Commissary, a man I think by the name of Norton.

In the year 1777 or 78 there was an order made to build a man of war at Frazhur's Ferry or ship yard [sic: Frazer's Ferry on Mattaponi River] in King William county. The Sloop William and Mary, was then employed in conveying lumber and materials to the dock yard, for the purpose of building the ship We went down river and up river to timber countris. The name of this ship was the Tarter Man of War. This ship was 10 or 12 months in building during which time my fathers sloop in which I served was almost constantly employed in conveying materials. There were other vessels employed in the same service After this ship was finished it was launched and 40 seamen besides soldiers entered service on board. Immediately after this another Large ship by the name of Tempest was built at the same dock yard. We in the same sloop were employed as before in conveying materials for the ship This ship was 10 or 12 months also in building during which my father's vessel was employed as constantly as before, with myself on board. This was a 64 gun ship and was launched with success

The next year after the building of the tempest there was a large Galley built at Shepherds war House on Mattaponia [sic] river seven miles below my fathers and about 11 miles from the dockyard where the other ships were built We were not so constantly employed in conveying materials for the building of this galley as for the other vessels above named. The hands were employed about one year in the building of this vessel which was named the Manly [sic: *Manley*] Galley.

After this ship was finished we remained mostly unemployed until the year 1781 when it was rumoured that the british fleet was expected soon in the chesapeake Bay. Counsellor Jameson ordered us to convey the stores ammunition &c from York and Williamsburg to Richmond up James River or up Paymunky [sic: Pamunkey River] to New Castle [now Old Church], which orders we endeavoured to obey, but when we arived at York we saw the british fleet in full said enter the mouth of York out of the chesapeake bay. When we saw this our only chance was to run our vessel up wormsleys creek, and taking off the riging and sails we conveyed them to counsellor Jameson's House where we left them, and traveled on foot home. After the revolution I lived in King & Queen county virginia until 1783 when I moved to Cazwell

[sic: Caswell] county North Carolina where I staid till 1822 when I moved to williamson county Tennessee where I have been living ever since and now live

I have no record of my age, but know I was born in 1759. My father I have alway[s] been told was 27 years old when I was bor[n] and my father was born on the same day that Gen Washington was born [22 Feb 1732], as I have been often told by my grandmother

I know of no person in this country who can prove my services. I have no documents of my service. I had certificates of my naval services signed by councellor Jameson, which exempted me from the land service: I could not be drafted in the land service. I think all my service put together would amount to 2 years. All my certificates and papers were consumed in the burning of my house

I state Garner MComico William D Sudberry William Thomas and Gilbert Marshal Esqr who can prove my character for veracity and their belief as to my services in the war

I hereby relinquish every claim to an annuity or pension whatever and declare my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

[signed] George Burch