

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Burchnell R1445

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[No pension application was found. The following is an index card in the file obviously written after West Virginia became a separate state. W. G. Singleton was a Special Agent sent to investigate a large number of fraudulent pension claims in Lewis County, then in VA. See pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth for details.]

1445 [stamped] REJECTED

P. O. James Burchnell

Service: One of the West Va Cases which was investigated by W. G. Singleton & it is probable the original papers sent to him were not returned.

Alleges: List of rejected claims printed in 1852 shows cause of rejection as follows: Confessed to fraud.

[The following is Singleton's report:]

James Burchnell of Lewis applicant. Serv'd 2 yrs & 10 mo.

I the undersigned John E. Jackson at the Request of W. G. Singleton do hereby certify that some time since James Burchnell was at my mothers House in Lewis County & whilst there my brother Cummings E. Jackson enquired of said Burchnell whether he was entitled to a Pension. to which Burchnell replied that he had done no Service in the war of the Revolution and consequently was not entitled to a Pension - the said Cummings E. Jackson replied that all he has to do was to apply for a Pension and he could get one. Burchnell rejoined that he was not entitled and should not apply — the undersigned subsequently understood from my Mother that Burchnell at the Selicitation of my said Brother C. E. Jackson finally agreed and consented that his name should be used in order to procure a Pension. and when procured to be for the sole use and benefit of my said Brother Cummings E. Jackson. Witness my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834.

John E. Jackson

Witness

N. Goff

E. J. Jackson

A true copy    W. G Singleton    Nov. 11 1834.