

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Burke R1461

MD PA

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The State of Ohio Preble County Court of Common Pleas of the seventh circuit. Preble County On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty personally appeared in open Court being a court of Record haveing power to fine and imprison with jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, Richard Burke aged Sixty four years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that some time in the Spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he enlisted as a private soldier for three years into the company of Captain Williams in the Seventh Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line commanded by Colonel [Richard] Butler he served the full period of three years in the said Regiment and was honorably discharged by General [Anthony] Wayne at Baskin ridge [sic: Basking Ridge] near Morristown in the State of New Jersey, he received a written discharge which he has since lost. That on or about the last of January in the year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Nine at Baskin Ridge aforesaid he enlisted to serve three years as a common Soldier into the company of Captain [Nathan] Williams in the Sixth Regiment commanded by colonel Otho Williams [Otho Holland Williams] in the Maryland line he marched from thence to Camden in [South] Carolina where he was captured by the English [possibly at the battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] he was from thence taken to Charleston in [South] Carolina thence to New York where he was liberated on the returne of Peace While in the service of the United States in the Pennsylvania Line he was engaged in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown[4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services except as stated above

And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May Eighteen Hundred and Twenty I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and subscribed by me. Which is as follows One Axe worth Two Dollars and fifty cents one oven worth two Dollars one Large kettle Broken worth one Dollar, Three plates worth fifty cents, four knives and forks old worth fifty cents, four cups and saucers worth fifty cents six pewter spoons worth Twenty five cents. The whole amounting to about the Sum of Seven Dollars and Twenty five cents.

My family consists of my wife who is aged sixty infirm and unable to support herself by labour. one son aged Fourteen unable to labour on account of convulsion fits to which he is subject. one Daughter aged Eighteen who is unable to do more then support herself my occupation is that of a common labourer but by age and infirmity I am unable to follow it or to support my self and I have no other dependence for my support then my labour

Richard Burke

[The following is an unsigned note in the file:]

By reference to the records in this office it appears, that this applicant heretofore made a declaration, & it was sent to the Auditor Gen. of Md. for proof of service, & returned by him, under date of 22<sup>d</sup> June 1820, with a cert: of applicant's having deserted. Therefore, this service is rejected.

NOTE: The file contains a paper indicating that Richard Burke was not found on the Pennsylvania rolls, so that service was not credited. That and the information in the last note above resulted in the rejection of

Richard Burke's claim. A roll of the Sixth MD Regiment in the Maryland Archives lists the following:  
<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000018/html/am18--188.html>  
Birk, Richard Private 18 May 78 - 26 Dec 79 "deserted"