

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ivey Burnham R1478

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State of Tennessee Hickman County: SS

On this sixth day of March 1843 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Hickman County now sitting Ivey Burnham a resident of Hickman County in the County of Hickman and the State of Tennessee aged seventy-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he the aforesaid Ivey Burnham entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer between the age of 16 and 17 (say 16 & 17) under the following named officers General Isaac Gregory Colonel Peter Dozier Major William Firly Captain John Jones Lieutenant Thomas Grandy and Ensign Joseph Stockett. That he served a six months tour or campaign & was regularly discharged had and obtained a certificate of his discharge which said Certificate he left in the possession of a certain Lott Sawyer a citizen and resident in the County of Pasquotank in the State of North Carolina about forty-six years ago when he emigrated to this State Tennessee that he has understood and believes that the aforesaid Lott Sawyer hath long since departed this life and he further believes that his aforesaid Certificate of discharge is destroyed, lost or mislaid so that he cannot find or procure the same. And this affiant further states that he has a volunteer served in two other Campaigns in partisan war once under Captain Harbard when he was out a long time and suffered many privations and at another time he went with Colonel Peter Dozier after the Tories. He also further states that he is unlettered and a man of little or no education and from various afflictions his memory is somewhat impaired so that he can not consistently be more minute but prays that the accompanying Certificate of his, veracity and good standing may be taken as a part of this his affiance, the Certificate being marked Letter A.

And he the aforesaid Ivey Burnham relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ivey Burnham, X his mark

[Alexander Baker & William Underhill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Ivey Burnham desires to amend his affidavit by saying that he has produced the best evidence in

his power of his service in the revolution for that everyone of his compatriots and that glorious Struggle lived in the State of North Carolina & that he has understood that they have long since departed this life or if any of them be living, they [are] unknown to him at the time he served the six months tower he took up his line of march at & from Plank bridge in Camden County NC and marched to North West River bridge in Virginia the name of the County in Virginia he does not recollect. After being at North West bridge we had to retreat formed a kind of fortification in Currituck Swamp in North Carolina where we fought the British and drove them back. When with Colonel Dozier we [indecipherable word] fire Tories on Currituck Shore. And further this affiant saith not.

To the interrogatories propounded by the war Department he answers as follows

Question 1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

Answer 1<sup>st</sup>. On the eighth May 1764

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer 2. I had a record of my age in the Family Bible but it is now lost or mislaid or destroyed the leaf being torn out

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer 3. When I volunteered I lived in Camden County North Carolina where I continued to live until the year 1796 when I emigrated to Tennessee and I now live in Hickman County in the State of Tennessee

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer 4. I volunteered was not drafted & was not a substitute

Question 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer 5. I have stated in my affidavit the General and other field officers who were with us Colonel Jarvis of Currituck County NC was also with us the names and numbers of the regiments I do not remember nor do I remember that I ever knew them but I recollect that a certain Colonel Thomas Harvey of Pasquotank County NC was with us and I ran a race with him. These together with the other particulars and several circumstances which I have before stated are all that I can recollect in relation to the fifth Question.

Question 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6. I did receive a discharge from the service it was given me by Colonel Peter Dozier under whom I served. About 46 or 47 years ago when I was about leaving North Carolina for Tennessee I gave my discharge to a certain Lott Sawyer as mentioned in my affidavit.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Moses Johnson, Granville Johnson (a justice of the peace), Joseph Hassells, William Hassells, William H Dedman (a Constable) & William Chamberlain and further this affiant saith not. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this sixth day of March A.D. 1843

S/ Ivey Burnham, X his mark

State of Tennessee Dickson County: Circuit Court, October Term 1845

On this 21st day of October a D 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Dickson County now sitting, Ivey Burnham a resident of said County of Dickson & State of Tennessee aforesaid aged eighty-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a militia-man in the year 1780 as well as he now recollects, in the County of Camden in the State of North Carolina for the term of six months; in the company amounting to 62 privates rendezvoused at a small Village in said County called Plank Bridge under Captain Peter Dozier, and Lieutenant John Jones, and Ensign Thomas Grandy. That said company marched from thence to North West River in the State of Virginia, and at a place called the Upper Bridge of said River we joined some other troops, and were under the command of General Gregory – After arriving there Lieutenant Jones was promoted and made Captain of our company, & Captain those are was made Colonel of the Regiment. We were stationed at that place, which was in Nansemond County as well as he recollects, and remained stationed there for the space of six months, when we were discharged & returned home in May 1781. In a very short time after his return home from said Tour of service he turned out as a volunteer militia man and joined a parcel of Troops stationed at a place called the Big Swamp on the dividing line between Camden & Currituck Counties in the State of North Carolina, where we corrected Breast-works on the causeway or Bridge through the swamp. A detachment of the British Army attacked us at that place and were repulsed with the loss of three of their men. He states that he was then under the command of Captain Thomas Lurry, Colonel Peter Dozier & General Gregory – He is unable to state the length of time he was out on this service, though to the best of his recollection it was some days, and until the British after their repulse returned to Norfolk at which time he returned home – this was in the summer of 1781. He states further that in the month of August afterwards in the same year a company of about sixty privates under Captain John Jones & Colonel Dozier assembled in Camden County and marched to Currituck Court House on Albemarle sound, against the Tories who were assembled at that place, & were in communication with the British, who were affording them supplies of Blankets & other things. We there captured five or six of the Tories and put them in Jail & the balance of them made their escape – from that place we returned home.

He states that he had a written Discharge, he left it when he removed from North Carolina with a Brother who resided there about thirty-eight years ago who is now dead, and in whose possession or where it could be found, if in existence, he is unable to say. He states that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service, nor has he any Documentary evidence of his Service – He states that about 36 years ago he removed to Williamson County in the State of Tennessee, where he resided for several years, and he then removed to Dickson County Tennessee where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a Pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory of the United States.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ M. A. Martin, Judge

S/ Ivey Burnham, D his mark

[Robert C Goodgion, a clergyman, and that Moses Parker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]