

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Burrell R1492

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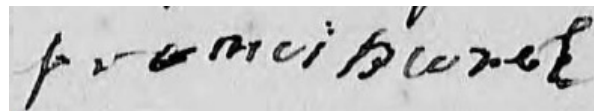
State of Indiana }

Jackson County S.S. }

On this the 22nd day of December 1846 personally appeared before me William Williams Probate Judge in and for the County and State aforesaid Francis Burrell a resident of said County aged Eighty Six years in September last who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th in the year 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers Viz Gen. [Lachlan] McIntosh, Col. Evans, Capt. Hardin Lieutenant Rodgers in the month of June 1778 and that he served as a volunteer under the above named Officers one year In June 1779 he joined the army under the command of Gen. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] Col. Evans Capt Hardin Lieutenant Rodgers That he resided in Monongahela [sic: Monongalia] County Virginia at the time he entered the service That he went as a volunteer he was in the Battle of Monsey Town on the Aleghaney River in the month of August 1779 [sic: attack on towns of Munsey and other Indians along Allegheny River, 11 Aug - 14 Sep 1779] Marched from Pittsburg Pennsylvania up the Aleghaney to Monseytown from thence to Pittsburg again and was stationed at Pittsburg most of the time of this year except when we were out on scouting parties. He belonged to the thirteenth Regiment of the Virginia State Troops In the month of June 1779 he was appointed an Indian Spy by Gen. Broadhead and served for Eight months in that capacity in which time he was principalley on the Aleghaney and Ohio Rivers And in the month of February 1780 he quit the Army he thinks that he received a discharge at Pittsburg from the Army in writing but can not now tell, and if he did receive such discharge the same is lost. But he is not certain as to the receipt of said discharge owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory. That about forty years ago he had his house burned and thinks it might have been destroyed at that time. That he does not recollect by whom the discharge was given if he ever received it

He hereby relinquishes every and all all claims whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of the agency of any state. He was born in September 1760 three miles from Washington City in the District of Columbia he has a record of his age in his possession. He removed from the place of his birth to Monongahal County Virginia, Moved from thence to Galiopolis [sic: Gallipolis] Ohio and from Ohio to his present residence in the State of Indiana Jackson County where he has continued to reside ever since That he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service. That he is known in his neighbourhood by Adam Miller, Rawley Scott and Charles Weyman who can testify as to his character for truth and varacity and as to their belief that he served the United State as a soldier of the revulution

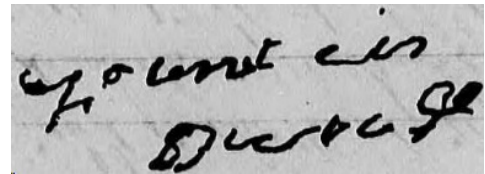
That he has five lawfull children liveing namely Mary Miller formally Mary Burrell Rebeca Hana formally Rebeca Burell Jane Burell Bartholamew Burrell and Jesse Burrell. He declares that he has no documentary evidence in his possession of his discharge and if any exists he knows nothing of it and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. That he is now old and needs his countries assistance and that he is not able to appear in court by reason of bodily disability ocasioned by old age

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Burrell", written in a cursive style on a light-colored background.

State of Indiana } S.S.
Jackson County }

On this fifteenth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and forty seven Personally appeared Francis Burrell a resident of Jackson County and State of Indiana aged Eighty Six years old in September last before me Samuel W. Smith a Justice of the Peace in and for said county of Jackson who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following amendatory declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June seventh in the year 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers viz Gen. McIntosh, Col. Evans, Capt. Hardin, Lieutenant Rogers in the month of June 1778 and that he served as a volunteer under the above named officers one year, he volunteered at first for six months and then went home to his residence in Monongahala County Virginia where he remained only a few days and then returned to the army again at Pittsburg and entered the service again as a volunteer for the term of six months under the above named officers and served as such under said officers which makes the year referred to in his first declaration. That he entered the service for the purpose of defending his country. The first six months that he was in the service he remained the most of the time at Fort McIntosh, which was built by us who were in the service during that time [fall 1778]. There were a number of the soldiers killed by the Indians whilst we were building Fort McIntosh. At the time he entered the service he rendezvoused at Pittsburg and was sent to build the above named Fort. That he was mustered into the service at Pittsburg. There were some six hundred or Eight Hundred in all in the corps embodied at the time we went to build the Fort and marched from Pittsburg to said place of building said Fort which he thinks is now in Ohio or Pennsylvania and is not certain which [at present Beaver PA], at which place we were stationed during the first six months of his service. We had provisions found us by some of the officers which they procured, and also some clothing provided for us and that he got some pay but a small amount however from the paymaster but does not recollect the name of the paymaster – his pay was in Continental money, and was not worth any thing of consequence when we got it. at the end of the first six months we returned to Pittsburg, at which time I returned home and remained a few days only, and then returned to Pittsburg, and entered the service of the United States under the same officers for another term of six months as a volunteer where we remained the most of the time, and was there rendezvoused, mustered into the service and stationed most of the time and there were about six hundred or eight hundred in the corps embodied in all at that time, and were quartered , provided with provisions by the officers and received some small amount of pay from the paymaster in Continental money. In June 1779 he joined the Army under the command of Gen. Broadhead, he thinks his name is Broadhedd but is not certain and Col Evans Capt Hardin, Lieutenant Rogers That he resided in Monongahala County Virginia at the time he entered the service and that he went as a volunteer, that he remained at Pittsburg a short time and then marched up the Aleghaney River to the Catanion [probably Kittanning], and from thence to Muncy Town on the Aleghany River, where in the month of August 1779 the battle of Muncy Town was fought in which Battle he was engaged, and from thence marched back to Pittsburg again and was stationed at Pittsburg the most of the time of this year except when out scouting or spying. He thinks he belonged to the Thirteenth Regiment of the Virginia State Troops but is not certain about its being the 13th Regiment In the month of June 1779 he was appointed an Indian Spy by Gen Broadhedd if he is not mistaken in the name of his General – and served for eight months in that capacity in which time he was principally on the Aleghany and on the Ohio Rivers and in the month of February 1780 he quit the service – during the time he was out as an Indian Spy there was only one person with him and that was a Delaware Indian who was called White Eye Our duty was to go out upon the frontier and see if any Indians were approaching and if so to give immediate notice to his commanding officer – White Eye was a faithful Indian. He saved my life once in the battle of Muncy Town – another Indian was loading his gun for the purpose of shooting me whom White Eye saw and White Eye immediately shot him and scalped him. There was a white person who had deserted from the

army at Pittsburg some time before I entered the service, who was with the Indians at the time of the battle and not killed – we destroyed about three hundred acres of corn after the battle of Muncy Town we must have killed upwards of a hundred Indians At the time he entered the service in 1779 he rendezvoused and was mustered in to the service at Pittsburg, there were about six hundred or eight hundred in the whole force and that he was not provided with provisions by the officers and received a small amount of pay in Continental money. At the time he quit the Army he thinks he received a discharge at Pittsburg from the Army but cannot now tell and if he did receive such discharge the same is lost, but is not certain owing to old age and consequent loss of memory that about forty years ago he had his house consumed by fire and thinks that it might have been destroyed at that time by fire that he does not recollect by whom the discharge not given. He hereby 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. He was born in September 1760 three miles from Washington city in the District of Columbia, he has a record of his age in his possession. He removed from thence to Monongahalia County Virginia, moved from thence to Galliopolis Ohio from Ohio he removed to his present residence in Jackson County Indiana where he has resided ever since That he knows of no [several illegible words] by whom he can prove his service That he is known in his neighborhood by Adam Miller Jesse B Durham, Rawly Scott and Charles L. Wayman who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That he has five lawful children living namely Mary Miller formerly Mary Burrell, Rebecca Hannah formerly Rebecca Burrell, Jane Burrell, Bartholomew Burrell and Jesse Burrell The declarant is now old and needs the assistance of his country

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Francis Burrell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.

NOTE: On 22 Nov 1852 John H. Burrell, administrator de bonis non of Francis Burrell, applied for any pension still due. He stated that Francis Burrell was 91 on 26 Sep 1852 and died in Decatur County Iowa, on 4 Feb 1852, leaving the following children: Jesse Burrell, Bartholomew Burrell, Rebecca Hannah, Polly Miller, wife of Brison Miller, and Jane Burrell.