

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Burroughs R1499

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State of North Carolina } SS.

County of Rockingham }

On this 23rd day of February 1854 before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County duly authorized to administer Oaths according to law personally appeared Mary Cury [Mary Curry] daughter of George and Jenia Burroughs a highly respectable Citizen and resident of said County and swears as follows, that she has often heard her Father George Burroughs speak of serving as a Soldier and Officer in the Revolutionary war, she further declares, that she has a distinct recollection of having frequently heard him speak of serving as Quartermaster and Commissary and on one Christmas day a Turkey had been served for dinner and as several were present her Father remarked that he would have to do on that occasion as he had often had to do with the Soldiers, give them thin or small rations as was often the case with the soldiers, she further declares that her Father was a resident of Halifax County Virginia and lived at a place near Booker's Ferry on Staunton River until he died which was on the 15th day of April 1818 in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia. Shortly thereafter her mother moved to Rockingham County North Carolina in the month of September 1818 and she further declares that her mother died the 2nd day of April 1847 and she further declares that she has often seen and heard read her Fathers discharges, and that they were in the hands of her Brother who went to South Carolina on a trading expedition and then died, since that time the discharges cannot be found, and verily believes that they were lost or mislaid at the time of his death, which was in the month of August 1847.

Mary herXmark Curry

STATE OF North Carolina } S.S.

COUNTY OF Rockingham }

On this 27th day of February, 1854, personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Richard H. Scales, a resident of said County and State, aged 43 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed on the seventh day of July, 1838, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war: That he is the Administrator of Jean Burroughs who was the widow of George Burroughs dec, a late Revolutionary soldier & officer; that he has been informed and verily believes, that said George Burroughs served in the Revolution, as follows; and that in support of said service he refers to the proofs that may be [illegible word]: That said George Burroughs was, at the commencement of the Revolution, a resident of Halifax County, in Virginia, and did about the Spring of the year seventeen hundred & seventy six (1776) enlist under Lieutenant Edward Wade, and was made a Sergeant, and served in the company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Cocke in the 7th Regiment of Virginia Continental Line, and that he served as such for some two years, when he was, in the Spring of the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight (1778), appointed a Commissary of subsistence, and having qualified as such, served as such, and as Quarter Master to Colonel Weadon's Regiment under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], for at least two years, when he resigned his commission and returned to the County of Halifax, in Virginia, where he died

He further declares that she was married to the said George Burroughs on the fifteenth day of September, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four (1784) in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia by one Nathaniel Hall a Minister of the Gospel duly authorized by law to administer the rites of matrimony, and that her name previous to marriage was Jean Scales; and that he has no other proof of said marriage

than that herewith presented: that her said husband died in the County of Halifax State of Virginia on the 15th day of April, 1818; that she was not married to him prior to the termination of his services &c but at the time above stated. he further declares that she remained a widow until her death which occurred on the 2^d of April eighteen hundred & forty seven (1847), leaving the following named Children Viz: William Burroughs, Ann Duncan, and Mary Curry, and that Mary Curry is now the only surviving child.

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County of Rockingham }

On this 3rd day of March 1854 before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Jeremiah Scales a highly respectable Citizen and made oath as follows, that he was personally acquainted with George Burroughs of Halifax County Virginia, that he has several times been entertained by him when traveling through said County to Petersburg Richmond City and other places in the State of Virginia, and that he has on many occasions heard him speak of his services as soldier & officer in the war of the Revolution, he further declares that he knew him when a Citizen of Rockingham County North Carolina after his removal from Halifax County Va. to the County of Rockingham N.C. and that he knows of two distinct places at which he at which he lived whilst a Citizen of the County of Rockingham, one of his places of residence was on the waters of Bufaloe Island Creek [Buffalo Creek], and the other was a place called Gate's old field near the Virginia line on the waters of Matrimony Creek in the County of Rockingham, and he further knows of his removal to Halifax County Va. he also declares that he further declares that he was well acquainted with Jean Burroughs widow of George Burroughs decd, and that in the year 1818 she came to reside in the County of Rockingham North Carolina, bringing with her her family and that she lived upon a farm near his fathers residence on the waters of Buffaloe Island Creek in the County of Rockingham NC – and continued to reside there for several years. He further declares that a knowledge of George Burroughs' widow coming to the County is fresh in his recollection from this one Circumstance viz that on the day of his Father's burial Jean Burroughs widow of George Burroughs came to the County of Rockingham NC bringing with her, her family, George Burroughs lived about five or six miles from Coles Ferry in the County of Halifax Virginia upon Staunton River prior to his removal to the County of Rockingham NC. And he further declares that he is disinterested in making this affidavit. [signed] Jeremiah Scales [age 84]

NOTE: A document in the file certifies that there is a record of the marriage of "George Buruss" to Jean Scales on 15 Sep 1784.