

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Michael Burrows R1504. See also Michael Burruss S8111.

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State of Missouri } Sgt.

County of Howard }

On this sixth day of August 1834 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Howard & State of Missouri, Michael Burrows, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged eighty three 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the U.S., as a private soldier, in the month of May, in the year 1781, with Captain Robert Pollard, and served in Col. James Slaughter's regiment of Virginia Troops, under the following officers: Col. James Slaughter, Cap. Robert Pollard & Lieut. James Duvall. In this tour, (for which he was drafted) he served three months, & during it was in the battle of Petersburg [sic: Petersburg. Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781].

About one month from this time (some time in the month of September 1781) he again entered the service of the U.S., as a drafted militiaman, under Col. James Slaughter, Major Reuben Zimmerman & Captain Yancy. The Corps to which he belonged rendezvoused at the Raccoon Ford [on Rapidan River], and marched from there to the deep springs below Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg]. About this time, Major Welch, belonging to Col. Dart's Pennsylvania regiment, came to the Reg't to which I belonged, and reported that 84 men had deserted from the said Pennsylvania regiment. He further proposed an arrangement, that any soldier of Col Slaughter's regiment who would take one of the said deserters should be entitled to a full discharge for his remaining period of service with Major Zimmerman's permission he undertook the proposed service and went in quest of the deserters. He left the main road and rambled through the woods for several hours, when he was fortunate enough to fall in with two unarmed deserters, who he took into custody and delivered to Major Welch, at the deep springs on the same day. For this service, according to the previous & foregoing agreement, Major Zimmerman granted me a full discharge for the 18 months tour of service for which I had been drafted.

He knows of no living witness of his services.

To the questions directed to be propounded by the War Department he answers:

1. He was born in the County of Richmond and State of Virginia in the year 1751 – he does not recollect the month or day.
2. He has no record of his age, and only knows what he has stated concerning it, from there having been a dispute concerning the expiration of his apprenticeship.
3. He was living in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] and State of Virginia at both the periods when called into service as aforesaid, and has lived, since the revolutionary war, in the Counties of Culpepper & Henry in Virginia – and now lives in Howard County Missouri
4. He was drafted into the service on both occasions
5. He states the names of General Lafayette, General Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Col Slaughter & Major Zimmerman who were with the troops where he served as aforesaid.
6. He rec'd a discharge as before stated from the hand of Major Zimmerman – which he has long since lost.
7. He states the names of Shepherd Gumm and H. L. Boon to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. [See endnote.]

NOTE: Michael Burrows successfully applied for a pension (S8111) under the name Michael Burruss in Henry County VA on 24 Nov 1832. The present claim was rejected because it did not claim at least six months actual service.