

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Burton R1515

Ann

fn41NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

10/18/10

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. Folks are free to make non-commercial use this transcript in any manner they may see fit, but please extend the courtesy of acknowledging the transcriber—besides, if it turns out the transcript contains mistakes, the resulting embarrassment will fall on the transcriber. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. I welcome and encourage folks to call those and any other errors to my attention.]

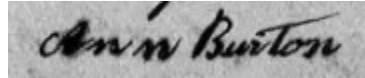
State of Indiana Decatur County: SS

The declaration of Ann Burton widow and relic of Absalom Burton made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, the deponent being first duly sworn deposed and saith: That she was born in the State of Pennsylvania and in early life my parents moved to the State of North Carolina, where I was raised until I was grown. And in the year 1774 I was married to the said Absalom Burton in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina. After this to wit in the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the packhorse service in the Company commanded by Captain Robinson, the field officers names not recollected. He served three months in this expedition, which went against the Cherokee Indians. And after this in the year 1780, he was drafted into the service of the United States for three months, and marched to Charleston South Carolina and served out his time and was discharged. And after this to wit in the year 1781 he entered the service of the United States again for three months in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McDowell & marched to Wilmington, he served out his time, and again returned home. In this last mentioned year to it 1781, after his return from the Army we moved to Henry County Virginia. And in the year 1802 we removed to the State of Kentucky and in the year 1835 [last two digits are unclear] we are he moved to Decatur County State of Indiana. And on the sixth day of October 1836 he died. Being at this time eighty-five years old and my memory of course – not very good, I could not recollect the names of officers any better than I have shown you.

And as it may perhaps be thought necessary that I should assign some reason why I never made application for a pension sooner, this is it, I live as you see in the far West and knew not for a long time that I certainly was allowed a pension. In addition to this I was afflicted, and had no friend to aid me in the attempt, that knew anything of such business, and at last was advised to in trust the investigation of my claim to a man in Shelby County Kentucky who has very recently obtain the proof of my marriage, & the service of my deceased husband, and in addition to this I have had a sufficiency of the things of this world to make out to support. But being at this time very old and infirm I trust the Department will allow my claim, knowing as you must that my lamented husband endured many hardships & sufferings for which he never was compensated by the General Government.

S/ Ann Burton

[attested on March 1, 1839]



State of Indiana Decatur County: SS

On this 12th day of November 1839, personally appeared before Samuel Bryan a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Ann Burton a resident of Indiana in the County aforesaid aged Eighty \_\_\_ 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 July 4th, 1836: That she is the widow of Absalom Burton who was a private in the Army of the Revolution. That she was married to the said Absalom Burton in the year 1774 the day and month not recollected. That in the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a private in the packhorse service, in a company commanded by Captain Henry Robertson, this expedition went against the Indians, and that tribe or nation of Indians called Cherokees – I believe & served several months how long exactly she will not say but it was several months. She says that from old age and want of recollection she cannot say who were the commanding officers of this expedition, but she thinks he is name will be found on the muster rolls if they are preserved. He served out this tour and was discharged and returned home. When he performed this service we lived in Rowan County State of North Carolina. After this to wit in the year 1780 he entered the service again as a private in the company commanded by Captain Enoch, and marched to Charleston against the British and served two months and was again discharged and came home. The field officers are not recollected. We still resided in the same place. Again in the year 1781, he entered the service of the United States as a private and served several months the exact time cannot be remembered. This expedition went to Wilmington and was commanded by Colonel McDowell, and in this case the name of the Captain is forgotten. But he again served out his time and was discharged & returned home. She declares as above that she was married to the said Absalom Burton in the year 1774. And that he died on the 6th day of October 1836. And that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She further states that the reason why her husband did not make application for a pension under the act of June seventh 1832, was he had no knowledge that he was entitled to one until a short time before his death and was then so old & infirm that he could not be persuaded to undertake it.

She further states that she has his family record which is cut out of the book and is herein enclosed and that she knows it to be the family record of her deceased husband.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a justice of the peace for said County on the day & year above written

S/ Samuel Bryan, JP

S/ Ann Burton

[William J. Burton (relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow not stated) gave a supporting affidavit as to having heard the veteran speak of his services and the other facts set forth in the widow's affidavit.]

[fn p. 34]

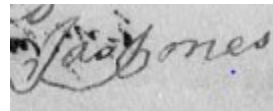
The deposition of James Jones<sup>1</sup> taken at his own house in the County of Daviess State of Kentucky on the 14th day of November 1838 before Andrew Jones a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Daviess in support of the Claim of Ann Burton widow and relic of Absalom

---

<sup>1</sup> This is probably [James Jones S31170](#)

Burton deposed the deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with Burton above named from the year 1773 until 1836 when he died, that he the said Burton was married to the sister of this Deponent, Ann Jones in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina in the year 1774. That the said Absalom Burton entered the service of the United States in the year 1776, and has well as this deponent now recollects the troops rendezvoused at a place called Cathey's Fort situate on or near the Catawba River in said State of North Carolina as a Private in the packhorse service in the company commanded by Captain Robertson and in this capacity he served three months, the Regiment was as well as he now believes commanded by Colonel Locke and under the command of General Rutherford and marched against the Cherokee Indians. This deponent was residing within ½ mile of the said Burtons and he was frequently at his house during his absence on this Tour of duty, and after this in the year 1780 the said Burton the said Burton was drafted into the service of the United States and rendezvoused at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina for the Term of three months, the name of the Captain & Colonel is not recollected, but this deponent well remembers that the troops marched to the vicinity of Charlestown South Carolina, and in the year 1781 the said Burton entered the Service again under a Captain whose name is not recollected the Regiment he believes was commanded by Colonel McDowell and General Rutherford was commander in chief. The Army marched to Wilmington. This deponent was in this Campaign in the horse Service and saw the said Burton in the camp on duty after we drove the Tories at the Raft Swamp. The said Burton served three months on this tour and as he believes received a regular discharge & returned home = In the next year the said Burton moved to Henry County Virginia. This deponent states that he was well and intimately acquainted with the said Absalom Burton that he resided in one half mile of him & new personally of his rendering the services above recited as a private soldier and believes he was regularly discharged and further this deponent saith not. Witness my hand.

S/ Jas Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jas Jones", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. family record appearing on fn pp. 2-10 (very faint in places)]

Jesse Burton born the 6th December 1796

Sally Burton was born in the year of 1801 August the ? Da

James Burton was born June the 16 1781

Mary Burton was born July the five 1783

Bage [?, could be Page or Dage] Burton was born May 18th 1786

Rebia Burton the daughter of Absalom and Ann Burton was born the [illegible, could be 11th] day of January in the year of our Lord 1789

Samuel Burton was born in the year 1791 the 24th day of August

Thomas Burton was born in the year 1793 the 22 day of August in

Absalom Burton was born June 2th [sic] 1750

Ann Burton was born February 11th 1759

Betty Burton was born August the 22 1775

John Burton was born February 11th 1777

William Burton was born March the 22 1779

[entries on fn p. 10 are illegibly faint]