

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burrell Cato R1813

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State of Mississippi Jefferson County} SS

On this twenty fourth day of February in the year 1834 personally appeared before Jno M. Whitney Judge of Probate of said County Burrell Cato a resident of said County of seventy years of age 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 of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832. That he was drafted into the service of the United States with Captain James Clark in the year 1781 and during nine months of said year 1781 he was in active service four months in monthly tours two months he served under Captain James Clark, one month under Captain John Watts and one month under Ensign William Naill. At the time he entered the service he was living in what is now Sumter district in South Carolina he was in no battles. He accompanied Major Gamble [John Gamble] under Colonel Lee [presumably a reference to Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] to Dorchester in 1781. As he was young at the time of his being in service the names of other officers he cannot recollect. 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 of or in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.



[William Montgomery, a clergyman, and Hiram Baldwin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Mississippi Jefferson County} SS

On this the twenty seventh day of September A.D. 1841, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable the Probate Court of said County now sitting at the Court House thereof at Fayette, Burrell Cato, aged seventy-seven 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 June 7th 1832.

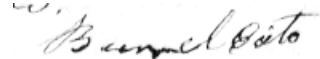
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein after stated, to wit: – That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States, as a private in the militia of the State of South Carolina, on or about the first day of June A.D. 1781. That the Captain of the Company in which he was first drafted and served, was named James Clark: That the Major in command of the Regiment with which this declarant first served was named Gamble: The name and number of said Regiment, this Declarant cannot now

remember: and that said Regiment was under the command of General Francis Marion: That the Corps with which this Declarant was connected, was principally employed in scouting parties, for the space of one month, when this Declarant, with the other members of his Company, returned home with the permission of their Officers, with instructions to hold himself in readiness for service at a minute's warning: That this Declarant, on or about the 25th day of July in the year last aforesaid, was again called into active service, and was attached to Captain \_\_\_ Thornton's Company, (also under the command of General Marion,) and served for upwards of one month, and until after the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]: That this Declarant, with the Corps to which he was attached, (being a Company of foot,) was within a few miles of said Battle, but could not reach the field in time to participate in it: That after said Battle, this Declarant, and the Corps to which he was attached, assisted in guarding the prisoners taken by the American Troops at said Battle, until about the 15th day of September, A.D. 1781, when he was again permitted to return home upon the same terms as before: That on or about the 15th day of December, A.D. 1781, (this declarant being then a minor) he removed with his father from his said father's then residence on the waters of Black River, about 20 miles from Camden, to the waters of Lynches Creek – a distance of about 40 miles: That on or about the first day of February, A.D. 1782, this Declarant was again Drafted into the Company of Captain John Watts, and marched to Murray's ferry on the Santee River, where he remained one month, and was then permitted to return home upon the same conditions as before: That on or about the 15th day of October A.D. 1782, this declarant was again called into service, and marched with a party under an Ensign (whose name this declarant has forgotten) to a place called the "Four Hole Bridge" where he served one month, when he was finally discharged. This Declarant further saith that when in active service as aforesaid and in the intervals of service above mentioned, (owing the regulations to which he was subjected, requiring his constant readiness to entered the service at a minute's warning,) he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. This Declarant further saith that he knew General Sumter and General Marion and as well as all the other Officers above named: That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The Declarant on his oath aforesaid further saith, that owing to old age and infirmity, and consequent loss of memory he cannot make this his Declaration any more specific as to dates, names of Officers, the Country through which he marched etc.

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 any state the agency of any State. Subscribed and sworn to in open Court on the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edwin McKey, Clerk

S/ Burrell Cato



[John J Robertson, a clergyman, and Neill Buie, Jr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers of Burrell Cato the Declarant in the foregoing Declaration to the following Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Court aforesaid to the said Burrell Cato: which answers were given in writing by order of said Court:

1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory – "Where and in what year were you born?"

Answer. – "On the waters of the Drowning Creek in the state of North Carolina, in the year 1764."

2nd Interrogatory – "Have you any record of your age?"

Answer. – "I have not."

3rd Interrogatory – "Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?"

Answer. – "When first called into service I lived upon the waters of Black River, in the State of South Carolina, about 20 miles from Camden: After the War, I lived upon the waters of Lynches Creek, about 40 miles from my former residence, in the State of South Carolina until the year 1816: – I then removed to near a place called Fort Saint Stevens, on the Tombigbee River where I remained one year: I then removed to Wayne County, in the State of Mississippi, where I remained about 7 years, and then removed to my present residence near Jno Leans [?] Store in the Eastern part of the County of Jefferson, aforesaid, at which latter place I have resided uninterruptedly from thence to until now."

4th Interrogatory – "How were you called into service?" Etc.

Answer – "I was drafted."

5th Interrogatory – "State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served: Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general Circumstances of your service."

Answer. – "The only regular Officers whom I can recollect as being with the Troops during my service were Generals Marion and Sumter: I cannot designate by name or number, any of the Continental or Militia Regiments, or detail any of the general circumstances of my Service more fully than I have already done in my foregoing Declaration."

6 Interrogatory – "Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service; and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?"

Answer. – "I do not remember that I ever received a written discharge – I was discharged, with the other members of my Company, near the close of the war, when my recollection is that our discharge was merely verbal."

7th Interrogatory – "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 of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution."

Answer – "The Honorable John M Whitney, Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, and Messrs. Archibald Buie, Hugh Montgomery, Neill Buie, John Mitchell and Gilbert Buie.

[p 13: "Rejected did not serve six months; see letter 8 August 36 to Ch. Clark, Fayette let James R. Mead, 11 Augt. 1841."]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Burrell Cato

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1149A

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No. 62

No. 199

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Burrell Cato 479 days Duty in the Militia in 1782

Amount £5.12.10 Stg. [Sterling]

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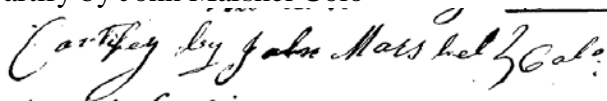
<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State South Carolina to Burrel Cato	Dr.
1782 To 41 Days Duty in Colonel John Marshal's	£ S d
Regiment at 10S/ [10 Shillings] per day old Currency	£20.10.00
To 38 Days Do at 10/per day	19.00.00
Total amount	£39.10.00
Reduced to Sterling is	£5.12.10

Cartify by John Marshal Colo



State South Carolina

Cheraw District} Before me Charles Evans a Justice of the peace for the said District,  
Personally appeared Burrel Cato and Duly made oath that the above account as it stands stated is  
Just and true, and that he Has never Received any pay or satisfaction for the Same signed and  
sworn before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1784

S/ Charles Evans, JP

S/ Burrel Cato, B his mark

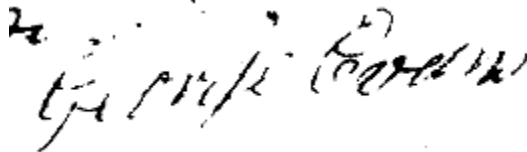
When the Duty was performed not mentioned [indecipherable word]

Received the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1784

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Received 10<sup>th</sup> August 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the  
within in an Indent No. 199 W by an order

S/ George Evans



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Gentlemen Treasurers I expect I have an Indent in your office for Duty Done the Public please to  
Send it to me by the Bearer Mr. George Evans your Compliance will oblige your Humble  
Servant this 30<sup>th</sup> August 1785

To the Treasurers of South Carolina

S/ Burrel Cato, B his mark

Charleston

Witness James Evans, JP