

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Burns R6770  
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State of North Carolina }  
Haywood County } S.S.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty five, personally appeared before me Evan J Hasell one of the magistrates and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County Ann McKizick a resident of Haywood County North Carolina Aged ninety one (91) years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3<sup>d</sup> 1837. That she was married to John Burns who was a draggon [sic: dragoon] in the War of the Revolution and served as follows. He entered the Service of the United States as a substitute for one Archibald Robertson in Henry County Virginia some time in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven (1777) for a tour on nine months under one Capt Martain [sic: Martin] Commanded by Col. Cleavland [sic: Benjamin Cleveland] & was marched to Holeston [sic: Holston] River & from there she does not know where he was marched, though did not return home until his said Tour of nine months expired, at which time he received a discharge she thinks from Martain, and after staying at home for some time over a year, he was Drafted for a tour of three months the names of his Officers she has forgotten, though he was detached with a company to guard some baggage waggons to some place where the main army was stationed, after his said Tour of three months was out he again returned home, the length of time he then stayed at home she can not recollect though she knows that dureing his stay at home that time her Daughter Sarah was born, soon after which he enlisted as a horseman for what length of time she can not recollect, nor under what Capt she does not recollect though she thinks he was joined to Gen'l Lees Ridgment [sic: possibly Lt. Col. Henry Lee's Legion] & was marched to Camden South Carolina & from thence she does not recollect though he was in the service until Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781]. She thinks he was gone at that time a little over nine month, he received a discharge & came home.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Burns on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September seventeen hundred and seventy three (1773) in Henry County Virginia [formed from Halifax County in 1776] that her husband the afforesaid John Burns died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1805 that she was afterwards married to Daniel McKizick who died in the spring of 1821 and that she was a widow on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836 & still remains a widow that she was married to the said John Burns in the state of Virginia where there was no records of marriages kept at that time that she has no record proof of her marriage now in her possession but had the record of the ages of her Children, but one of her sons carried it to the western Contary many years ago, & she has been informed that her son is dead, & she does not know what has become of her Record.

Ann herXmark McKizick

[The following is in the file without explanation:]

At a Court held for Henry County on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1777

Brice Martin is appointed Captain of the Company of Militia presently under Joseph Martin, John Wells 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, George Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant & Mathew Wells [Matthew Wells] Ensign whereupon the said Martin took the oath agreeable to Act of Assembly  
State of Virginia – Henry County, Sct

[Copy certified on 10 Apr 1846 by Jeremiah Griggs, Clerk of the Court of Henry County VA.]

NOTE:

On 12 Dec 1845 Sarah Leatherwood stated that she was born on 7 Feb 1781 the fifth child of John and Ann Burns, and that her family record transcribed below was copied by her brother from her mother's record except that the surnames were changed from Burns to Leatherwood. Parts of the copy are too faded to be legible except with the aid of a transcript provided with her statement.

John Leatherwood was born in the year of our Lord January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1779

Sarah Leatherwood was Born in the year of our Lord February the 7<sup>th</sup> 1781

John and Sarah Leatherwood was Married in the year of our Lord Nov'r. 25 1802.

William Leatherwood was born in the year of our Lord August the 28<sup>th</sup> 1803

Mary Leatherwood was Born in the year of our Lord December 31 1804

Edward Leatherwood was born in the year of our Lord March the 16<sup>th</sup> 1807

John Leatherwood was born in the year of our Lord March 17<sup>th</sup> 1809

Samuel Leatherwood was Born in the year of our Lord May the 14<sup>th</sup> 1811

Also in the file is the family register transcribed below:

Allee Burnes was Born in the year of our Lord 1773 June the 30 day 1773

Charles Burns was Born in the year of our Lord 1775 February the 3 day 1775

John Burns was Born in the year of our Lord 1777 January the 17 day 1777

William Burnes was Born in the year of our Lord 1779 March the 12 day 1779

Sarah Barnes was Born in the year of our Lord 1781 February the 7 day 1781

Miles Burns was Born in the year of our Lord 1784 May the 24 day 1784

Mary Burnes was Born in the year of our Lord 1786 November the 22 day 1786

Samuel Burnes was Born in the year of our Lord 1788 April the 7 day 1788

Uriah and Ezekiah Burnes was Born in the year of our Lord 1790 September 25 day 1790

Miles Burns was Born in the year of our Lorde 1784 May the 24<sup>th</sup>