

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Burchett S10394

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Application for a new Certificate

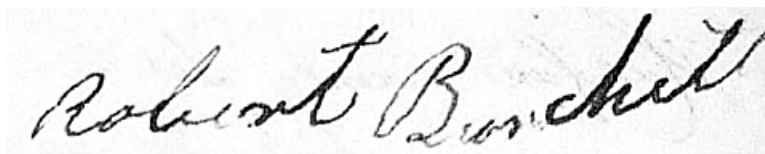
County of Halifax

On this the 20th day of May 1823 before me Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of Halifax Personally appeared Robert Burchett, who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Capt. ___ Dewit in the Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Cammell [sic, Richard Campbell] in the Service of the United States, that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Virginia, that he never received a Certificate of that fact under the Signature and Seal of the Secretary of War.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on the day and year aforesaid

S/ John S. Vaughan

S/ Robert Burchett

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Burchett". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the early 19th century.

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"Virginia Robert Burchett, Private, in the U. States Army -- Inscribed on the pension Roll of the Virginia Agency, at \$5 per month and increased to \$8 per month by Act 24th of April: 1816 -- Formal certificate of pension issued and sent to the Pensioner at Mount Pleasant Virginia 12 June 1823."¹

[Note contributed by C. Leon Harris:

This Robert Burchett may be the one listed as follows on a size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA after 1 Sep 1780: Robert Burchett/ age 18/ height 5 4-1/4/ planter/ born in Halifax County/ residing in Montgomery County VA/ light hair/ gray eyes/ swarthy complexion/ enlisted 11 Sep 1780 for 18 months.]

¹ This note indicates to me that the veteran was pensioned under act or act of Congress prior to 1818 and that his application and papers relating to his being awarded his original pension were part of the papers lost to fire in the early 1800's. I think it likely he was awarded a pension for partial disability as a result of a wound/wounds suffered while serving as a soldier in the Continental Army.

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 12-page file

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I do, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that Robert Burchett of Halifax about 30 years of age late a Private in the first Virginia Regiment, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the Service of the United States as to entitle him to the sum of Eighteen Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the 1st day of January 1786.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 28th day of October 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry, Governor]

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Received 21st November 1787 of the Sheriff of Halifax Eighteen Pounds in full for my Pension for the year 1786, agreeable to my Warrant dated 28th day of October 1786.

Witness

John Coleman

William Terry

S/ Robert Burchett

*Recd. 21st November 1787. of the Sheriff of
Halifax Eighteen Pounds in full for my
Pension for the year 1786, agreeable to my
Warrant dated 28th day of October 1786.*

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