

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Burk S1174

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State of Kentucky }

Madison County } SS.

This sixth day of may 1833, Personally appeared before me Christopher Harris an acting Justice of the peace for Madison County, and also one of the Justices of the Madison County court, Michael Burk at his own house, a resident of said County, aged ninety five years as near as he can recollect, who being 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 7 1832.

He states that he was born in the county of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in the State of Virginia The year not known, That he has no record of his age, but from the best of his information he is 95 years of age.

He states that he entered the Militia Service of the United States, and served different campaignes under different officers, and served for different periods as herein after stated.

He premises that he is verry old and his memory much impaired, and as a matter of course his recollection of events much clouded. he does not doubt he will confound dates & events, and must trust more to the Testimony of his comrades in armes than his own capability in giving dates, names or events to establish his services.

He first Marched under Capt. John Leland from Culpepper Court house Virginia, went to York in Pennsylvania, & thence to Philadelphia, was in the service three months. He then served under Capt. Lewis Yancey, starting from Culpepper Courthouse Virginia, served three months before discharged, but did not reach home within the three months.

He next served under Capt. John Tate a Tour of three months starting again from Culpepper. – He also served a tour of three months under Capt. Conn [probably Thomas Conn] and was he thinks stationed at Albemarle Barracks.

He also served a three months tour under Capt. George Johnson, starting again from Culpepper Court House. – He also served another tour of three months under Capt. James Browning starting again from Culpepper Court House.

that in the whole he was not less than eighteen months in service as a private and for such service he claims a pension – He recollects that besides york & Philadelphia, he was at Richmond, Petersburg, and Cabin Point [in Surry County VA], but at what dates or under whose command he was at those different points he does not recollect. He states that he had two Cols. Slaughter [George Slaughter and John Slaughter] during the time, both residents of Culpepper Virginia – Edward Stevens was one of the Generals, but whether a Brigade of Major General he does not know. – He states that he had discharges evidencing his services and preserved them for many years but has lost them. – He removed from Virginia about twenty six years ago and has been a resident of Madison County Kentucky ever since. – That he can prove his services in part by John A. Wright [pension application S17214] whose affidavit is hereto attached and Robert Covington [W2067] his former neighbour in virginia, and does not know of any other person whose testimony he can procure. That Thomas Ballew a clergyman and Isaac Duncan all his neighbours can testify concerning him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State or elsewhere.

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State of Kentucky } S.S
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On this 9th day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Joseph Turner one of the justice of the Madison County Court John A Wright a resident of Estill County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, states that he will be 68 years of age on the 16th of February next, That he has been well acquainted with Michael Burk of said County of Madison & who is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, ever since he said Wright was a boy, that he believes said Burke to be about 100 years of age, that he knew him well in Culpeper County virginia during the Revolutionary War where this affiant and said Burke then resided – That he knows that said Burke served in the Militia from said county of Culpeper in the service of the United States, but how many Tours he does not recollect, He knows that said Burked served and was out in the Militia in 1781, That he affiant was out and served with him, He knows that said Burke served one Tour of three months in that year, He believes that said Burke served a good many Tours in the Militia in the service of the United, but how many he cannot recollect, He further states that said Burke a great many years ago, how long he does not exactly know removed from virginia to said County of Madison where he has ever since and still resides – He knows that said Burk served in the Militia from said County of Culpepper in the service of the United States with Charles Duncan who is now dead and who was father in Law to Robert Covington a resident of said County of Madison, That said Charles Duncan was a messmate of said Burke and a man of unexceptionable good character, That said Duncan and Burke were commanded by a Capt James Browning – That said Burke has always and still does sustain a good character as a man of Truth and integrity That he is infirm and unable to attend court, and from his knowledge of said Burke he believes that he served in the Revolutionary war as he states, and he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution – Sworn and subscribed to this 9th of Jany. 1833

[signed] John A Wright