

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Burchett S1179

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State of Kentucky } SS.

Cumberland County }

Be it Remembered that on this 11 day of May 1833 Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for the County of Cumberland aforesaid William Burchett a resident of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky aged 78 years 7th October last past

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 in the month of July 1776 he was drafted as a private Malitiaman in Luningburg [sic: Lunenburg] County State of Virginia and immediately entered the Service of the united states in Captain Edward Broadnax's Company he states that he belonged to Christopher Robertsons Malitia Company at the time he was drafted and was put under Broadnax, Robertson not being called out at that time he states that Broadnax & his subalterns was strangers to him and he does not Recollect the names of the Leut & ensign he was immediately upon his being drafted attached to said Capt Broadnax's Company and marched on to a place called Hungary town (and properly named) where he was Joined to Colo. John Glens [sic: John Glenn's] regiment he from there marched to petersburg from there to Williamsburg where he staid a considerable time guarding that place he was from there marched to the mouth of Little York River [sic: York River] to guard that point where he remained untill the British troops that was in that region of Country moved southwardly when it was believed their stay at that place was no longer needed and having served out the full Term for which he was drafted Being three months he was Honorably discharged by his Capt and returned home he positively states in this tour he faithfully served three months and ten days. he states that he has lost his discharge after having kept It many years not believing it would ever be of any user to him, he was in no engagement nor did he join any Regular troops that he recollects he has no recollection that there was any troops except Colo. Glens Regiment, he states that sometime after his return home as before stated he moved to and settled in Halifax County virginia and in the spring of the year 1781 he thinks about the first of May he was again drafted as a private malitiaman and put into a Company Commanded by Captain Moses Turner, he states that he joined s'd. Capt Turner at Halifax old Courthouse; his malitia Capt at home in Halifax was John Folkner who did not go; this Declarant was sent on to Halifax Courthouse where he joined to Turners Company the s'd Turner & his subalterns was strangers to him and he has forgot the names of the Leut & Ensign he was joined to Colo. Williams Regiment at Hallifax and march to Salisbury North Carolina where he remained some days to recuit themselves from there he was marched to charlotte town, from there he was marched to 96 in South Carolina where General [Nathanael] Green lay with a number of troops where he remained for some time [during the Siege of Ninety Six, 22 May - 19 Jun] and was then marched to Broad River having had severel skirmishes with the British & Tories while at 96 & its vicinity on on our way to broad River, he was then marched on through through Camden and on to the high hills of Santee the time had fully expired being three months Capt Turner dismissed his Company and went home; there was at that time great need for men in that region of Country and this declarant volenteered under Capt Edmond King the British and tories Being in the vicinity he was stationed for severel weeks when some prisoners was taken and Capt King & his company – this declarant one was ordered to guard said prisoners on to the adkin [sic: Yadkin] River where he remained some time and where he was discharged By his Capt in this last tour he served three months makeing in the whole nine months and ten days for which he claims a pension he states that he did not take any discharge from Capt Turner but he did from Capt King which he has lost as he did his first never calculating it would be of any service to him he took no particular care

of them, he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except his brother John Burchett [John Burchitt, pension application S30300] of this County whose affidavit he has procured and is annexed hereto he states that he was born in Luningburg County in the State of Virginia on the 7th day of October 1754 one thousand seven hundred and fifty four as he has always been informed by his parents which he believes to be true; he has no register of his Birth, he lived in Luningburg County Virginia when he was first called in service, after he returned from his first service sometime thereafter he moved to Halifax County Virginia where he lived when he served the two last tours and until after the final close of the Revolutionary war when he moved back to Luningburg where he remained about four 4 years when he moved to Charlotte County Virginia where he lived several years then he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he lived one year and then moved to Sullivan County state of Tennessee where he remained until the year 1821 when he moved to Cumberland County Kentucky where he now lives; he knows Capt James Williams, Colo. Mark Marlow together with all his near neighbours who could testify to his character & veracity all of whom are his near neighbours he lives in a remote part of the County near 20 miles from the Courthouse he has never travelled about any since he has been in this state he never has been at the Courthouse nor is there any Clergyman living near him indeed he does not know that there is any Clergyman who ever heard him speak of his services, he further states that from old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to attend Court to make his declaration there, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day & year a' d

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NOTE: A letter dated 4 Feb 1845 states that Jesse Buck had inquired about any pension due to his father William Burchett, who died on 20 Jan 1838.