

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Burns S16669

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State of Kentucky

Clay County Sct

In this 23 of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Clay Circuit court, William Burns resident of said County and State aged as he believes 76 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the U. States in the Revolutionary War, in Pittsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] County Va, year forgotten [1776], for a trip ag's't. the Cherokee Indians, under Cap'n. Joseph Martin, his Lt. was Brice Martin, & Ensign Brice Martin [sic: John Martin] in the Reg't. commanded by Colo. or Gen'l. Christie [Col. William Christian] on the Va. line. He recollects on the campaign Maj'r. [Evan] Shelby, Colo. Russell and Maj'r. Blecher. He was marched to the long Ileands of Holston [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN], then to the Cherokee towns on the Ten. [Tennessee] River and remained in service for a little upwards of nine months when he was discharged at the Long Ileand of Holston in Ten. by Capt. Joseph Martin. This trip he was in no battle. On the day he was discharged he engaged for six months under Capt. Martin afs'd. to defend the frontiers, under Maj'r. Bletcher afs'd. Under this engagement he remained at the Long Ileands, then to Clinch River to the Rye Cove [in present Scott County VA], there he remained until he was discharged by Cap'n. Martin for six months service All this was before the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780]. Shortly before the Battle of Ramsowers Mill [Ramsour's Mill, 20 Jun 1780] he enlisted in Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County N.C. where he lived for nine months in the line of the state of N. Carolina, caled "state troops" under Capt. Michajah Lewis [sic: Micajah Lewis] under Colo. Gorden. Shortly after he enlisted he hierd Johnthan Hickman [sic: Jonathan Hickman] to take his place who was accepted and he got a discharge in his own name from Colo. Gorden at Wilks C. H. N.C. for the said nine months. His discharge he has long since lost. He remembers no officers except what he has stated, but Colo. Cleaveland [sic: Benjamin Cleveland] was in Gordens Reg't. He has almost lost his memory. He was born in State of Va. County forgotten. He served as a private each term on his own act. He has record of his age. As to the other questions of the War Department he supposes he has explained in the foregoing. As to his charracter he refers to his neighbors Wm. Morris, Rob't. Baker and John Spurlock.

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 nor has ever been.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year afs'd.

William hisXmark Burns