

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Phillip Burns (Burnes) S20909

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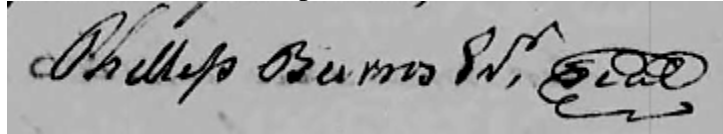
State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

On this 3rd day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court (to wit) before the worshipful Justices of the Mercer County Court now sitting Phillip Burnes Senior a resident of the County of Washington, aged seventy-four 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 the 7th day of June 1832.

That he was drafted in Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina for a tour of three months in the Army of the Revolution, and marched under Captain George Smith and joined a detachment of General Green's [sic, General Nathaniel Greene's] Army near Mecklenburg where we were stationed for some time from thence we were ordered to Salisbury to guard some British prisoners that had been taken by the American Army, at which place we built a Stockade and my tour of service having expired, I was honorably discharged by my Captain, he thinks it was in the year 1780, but the day and month he cannot recollect. He returned home, and sometime after he thinks in the fall of 1780 or 81 he entered Captain Mordica Clark's [Mordecai Clark?] Company of militia as a Substitute for one George Fry for a tour of three months and marched to South Carolina and joined General Greene's Army on the Santee Hills, from which place we marched and counter marched until his tour of three months expired when he was discharged but he cannot recollect the place nor the date of the month, it was at some place in South Carolina but the name he cannot recollect. He returned home and in the year 1781, his Father was drafted to go against the Indians, and he took his place and marched to the head of the Catawba River and were stationed at Fort Charles under Colonel Joseph McDowell his Captain's name was William Neal. He was discharged at said Fort after serving for a three months this he thinks was in the spring of 1781. He returned home and orders came for more men he thinks one out of every 14. They drawed and it fell to him to go and the understanding was the balance should throw in something to him who had to serve the Tour, and they did pay of very liberally he marched under Captain Broward [sic, Alexander Brevard?] and joined the Army in South Carolina this was after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, and near which place we joined the main Army. This was a tour of 18 months, that he served only seven or eight months before the war closed and the whole of the North Carolina Troops were discharged. He received Regular discharges but they have long since been mislaid or lost, he doth solemnly declare that he cannot recollect the dates, nor all the

country through which they marched, but that he did serve faithfully the Tour set forth in his Declaration, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that the reason of his making his declaration before the Mercer County Court is because his principle witness George Gabbert¹ lives in Mercer County. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Phillip Burns, Snr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Phillip Burns Sr.", with a large, stylized initial "P" and "B" at the end.

The deposition of George Gabbart taken in behalf of Philip Burns Senior. This deponent being seventy-three years of age and duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, that he lived in the County of Burke & State of North Carolina and adjoining the County of Lincoln. That he was well acquainted with Philip Burns Senior who has signed the foregoing Declaration and that he is fully convinced that he served faithfully that tour set forth in his said Declaration. That he did not serve with him himself, but his brother Michael Gabbart the head in some of his Tours, and that he was a faithful soldier. He further states that Philip Burns Senior is his neighbor and a man of truth and that he is reputed in his neighborhood to have been a revolutionary soldier. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ George Gabbart, X his mark

[Jesse Head, a clergyman, and Turner Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: In Mercer County, Kentucky, on March 31st, 1853, Philip Burns, identifying himself as the son of Philip Burns, deceased, a revolutionary pensioner who he says died January 28, 1849 and whose widow he says died in June 1851, signed a power of attorney, to prosecute whatever claims he might have as an heir of his father.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]

¹ [George Gabbert S31047](#)