

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Bundron S21098

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: This day being the 18th of December 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions the same being a court of Record Francis Bundron aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

States that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he resided in the County of Rockingham in the State of North Carolina and early in the month of January 1781 that he was drafted to perform a three months Tower [sic, tour] of duty as a private in the Army of the United States and that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain O'Neal which said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hunter and the Regiment to which I belonged marched from thence to Deep River near Guilford Court House where we were stationed for some short time and from thence we marched to Ramsours Mills<sup>1</sup> where we were stationed for some short time and from there on to Guilford Court House and from there to New Garden Meeting House where we had a very severe and bloody battle with the British in which engagement we were repulsed and driven back by the enemy to the Court House and applicant states that shortly afterwards his term of service expired being at the end of the said three months and that he Received his discharge from Captain O'Neal which said discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce the same. He states that he served three months and the above mentioned campaign and that he received no wounds and the same.

And this applicant begs leave further to Represent to the department that after he returned home from the last above mentioned campaign that he moved to the County of Henry in the State of Virginia and that sometime in the month of June in said year of 1781 that in the County of Henry and State of Virginia aforesaid that he substituted himself into the service of his country in the room and stead of Thomas Jemison a citizen of said County of Henry as a private for the term of three months and that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Crite which said company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wallace and we marched from

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<sup>1</sup> I believe this is a mistaken reference and should have been to Ramsay's Mills which was located on Deep River.

thence to the Mobline Hills [sic, Malvern Hills] in the State of Virginia where we were stationed three weeks and from thence to old Williams Burg [sic, Williamsburg] where we were stationed for some time and were then ordered to march near Yorktown where we were stationed for some time and this applicant states that while the Regiment was stationed near Yorktown that this applicant together with about one hundred and fifty Troops were ordered out on a Scouting Expedition and this applicant states that the next morning after they left their encampment that the British light Horsemen fell upon them and in the battle that this applicant had two of his fingers on his left hand nearly cut off by a cutlass and his hat cut off of his head and applicant states that shortly afterwards his Time of Service expired which was for three months: as a private and that he then received his discharge from Captain Crite which said discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot produce the same he states that after putting the whole of his services together that he did serve in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war for the term of six months as a private he states that he has no documentary Evidence of his services nor does he know of any living Testimony by whom he can prove his services by.

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

#### Questions Propounded by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia in the year 1764

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. The Record of my age is in the Possession of my brother who resides in the County of Warren in the State of Tennessee.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the County of Rockingham<sup>2</sup> in the State of North Carolina, and in the County of Henry in the State of Virginia when I was called into service and I have lived a while since the Revolutionary war in the State of Virginia and I now live in the County of Claiborne in the State of Tennessee.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted and I [indecipherable word or words] months Towers & Substituted for three months in the room of Thomas Jemison a citizen of Henry County in the State of Virginia

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I knew General Washington General Green, Major Duval and many others.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received two discharges one from Captain O'Neal and one from Captain Crite.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

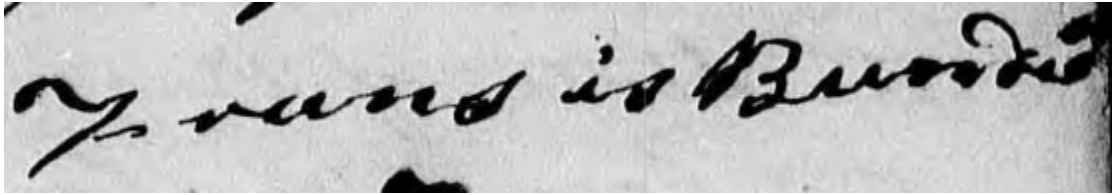
Answer. I know John Mays Esquire, James Spradling and many others

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<sup>2</sup> At the time referenced by the veteran, Rockingham County had not yet been informed from Caswell County North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed December 18th 1833

S/ Francis Bundron

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Francis Bundron" and is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The ink is dark, and the handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the early 19th century.

[Jonathan Mays and Joseph Neal, a clergyman, gave separate standard supporting affidavits.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]