

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Burchitt (Burchett) S30300

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State of Kentucky } SS.

Cumberland County }

on this first day of October 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County a' d. John Burchett a resident of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky aged 72 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the service of the united states in the spring of the year 1779 [sic] as a drafted malitiaman in the County of Luningburg [sic: Lunenburg] state of virginia for three months under Captain Anthony Street he does not recollect the name of his Leiu or ensign he states that he was immediately marched of and had marched but a short distance when they were attacked by Colo. Tarltons Horse [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, which was in Virginia in the spring and summer of 1781] and had a severe skirmish then proceeded on their march to Petersburg where he was joined to Colo Broadnax's regiment he was kept at petersburg some time and the vicinity then marched on through various routs and tacks and on to Williamsburg where he was kept scouting about untill his Term expired and was by his Captain Honorably discharged & returned home

he was again in the year 1780 drafted for three months he still residing in Luningburg virg'a. and was put into the Company Commanded by Capt Michael McCay and again marched on through the Country to petersburg and was again joined to Colo. Broadnax's Regiment and was Constantly engaged in ranging through the Country and at williamsburg petersburg &c. untill their term had expired and he was again Honorably discharged by his Captain & returned home, he states that he served the a' d two tours of three months Each in a Corps Called into service by Competent authority and was Either in the field or in garrison and for the time during which said service was performed he was not employ'd. in any Civil pursuit, and for which service he claims a pension, he states that he is so much afflicted from bodily infirmity that he is unable to attend Court for the purpose of making this Declaration, he further states that there is no Clergyman residing in immediate neighbourhood. he states that he is acquainted with severel preachers in other neighbourhoods in the County but this declarent has been so long afflicted and confined at home he does not know that any one of them could certify as to service he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharges and that he knows of no person who can testify to his service except his brother William Burchet [sic: William Burchett, pension application S1179] whose affidavit will be procured and hereto annexed. he hereby relinquishes all and 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

1. Where and in what year were you born

Ans'r. I was born in the state of virginia in the County of Luningburg in the year one thousand and seven hundred and sixty one agreeable to the information I have rec'd. from my parents & others, which I believe to be true

2<sup>d</sup>. have you any record of your age if so where is it

Ans'r. I had a record of my age and when moving to Kentucky my bible & other things was lost, which Bible contained the record of my age as taken from my fathers register

3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans'r. I lived in Luningburg County virginia when called into service and continued there untill long after the close of the war he moved to Franklin County virginia where he remained untill the year

one thousand eight hundred and seven when he moved to Kentucky Cumberland County where I now live

- 4 How were you called into service were Drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans'r. I was drafted each tour I served

- 5 State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

General Washington & Wayne [Washington after mid-September 1781 and Gen. Anthony Wayne after 8 June 1781] were occasionally with us and other officers but don't Recollect at this time the names of them the general circumstances of my services I have stated in the body of this declaration

6. did you ever receive a discharge from service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it  
Ans'r. I rec'd. a written discharge signed by my respective Captains but lost them the time I lost my Bible containing my age &c.

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

Ans'r. I am acquainted with William Goodson Esq'r. Haley Andrews Richard York and many others all of whom I believe would speak well of me Sworn to and subscribed the day and year a'd before me

[signed] John Burchitt

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of John Burchitt's estate received the final pension payment up to his death on 11 March 1834.