

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Burtis Ringo S31329

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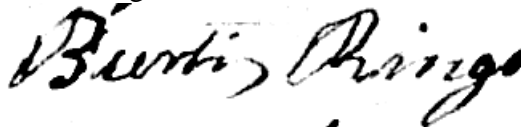
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I Burtis Ringo in the County of Flemming, in the State of Kentucky do hereby Declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a [indecipherable word,<sup>1</sup> could be intended to be Sergeant] in Captain William Armistead's Company in Colonel Charles Dabney's Regiment of the Virginia Troops, and, I also Declare that I was entitled to receive a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a Resolve of Congress passed the 15th of March 1778 and I further Declare that I was not, on the 15th day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States

Signed  
Burtis Ringo



Personally appeared this Day Braxton Pollard<sup>2</sup> of the County of Pendleton and did make oath that Burtis Ringo by whom the foregoing Declaration was subscribed, Did in his Presents enlisted for during the war and continued during its termination in the same troop with him, Witness my hand this 31 Day of December 1828

S/ John D. Bell, JP

N. B. I further Declare that I sent my discharge by Colonel William Elsey of Loudoun County to the City of Richmond to draw my Certificate and was left in the Office as said Elsey informed me.

S/ Burtis Ringo

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
16 February 1829

Bontus Ringo [sic] of \_\_ in the County of Flemming [sic] in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief

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<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> FPA S14194

of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in Captain \_\_\_ 's Company, in the Colonel Dabney's regiment of the Virginia (Cavalry) line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
21st of February 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Brutus Ringo [sic] is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of Brutus Ringo cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office  
February 25, 1829

The name of Brutus Ringo does not appear on the list of Warrant issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia, so far as they have been received.

S/ Geo. Grisham [??], Commissioner

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To the Honorable Richard Rush Esquire  
Secretary of Treasury of the United States

Sir,

After my Compliments to you I wish to make known to you, the reason that Mr. Braxton Pollard was not acquainted with my being or acting as a Sergeant at the time of my discharge from the Revolutionary Army, –

Early in the summer after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York his Excellency the Governor of Virginia sent to the Commanding officer of the Regiment to which I belonged for a Sergeant and six expert young men that could be depended upon to ride express to convey letters of intelligence to different parts of the union, I was one of the number that was detailed to that important Service and continued in said service about one year, Our Sergeant became dissatisfied in about 2 or 3 months and was liberated to return to the Regiment, at which time I was placed to do Sergeant's duty until discharged –

Our duty was hard in the extreme and we were bound to be always ready either night or day on the business or with the express & had to ride both night & day wet or dry hot or cold whenever called upon which made our task very hard disagreeable and laborious. I am in hopes

your Honor having it in your power will make me some compensation for my service more than the ordinary wages. After my discharge his Excellency kept me by his request about three months for which time he paid me \$20 per month & would have kept me longer but the business being hard & laborious and having served three years & four months in the regular Army I became tired of the service and wished to return home to my Friends. I was discharged shortly after the ratification of peace. I believe the matter with your honor to do with and disposed of as to you may seem right according to the power vested in you by the laws of our Country.

I am with respect your Humble Servant

S/ Burtis Ringo

January 31st, 1829

State of Kentucky Fleming County Sct

On this 9th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court now sitting Burtis Ringo a native of the State of New Jersey but for most of the early part of his life a resident of Virginia and now a resident of Fleming County Kentucky 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States by enlistment in the Army thereof in the latter part of the year 1779 or the beginning of 1780 for during the war, and served in the Virginia State Regiment of light dragoons commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney in Captain William Armistead's Company – he enlisted near Richmond Virginia – was in several skirmishes – one at Williamsburg, the enemy having landed at Burwell's Ferry – one at Jamestown and one at York where & when Cornwallis surrendered in October 1781 [October 19, 1781]. The Regiment of Horse to which he belonged guarded 750 prisoners to Winchester Virginia in January 1782. We were marched to Petersburg Virginia Thence he was with six others (one a Sergeant) detached to ride express for the Governor (Nelson) upon his express requisition – The Sergeant having been unable to perform this duty he (Ringo) acted as Sergeant till May or June 1783 and received his discharge at Richmond from Lieutenant Nathaniel Savage as he thinks – which discharge was [word written over and illegible] by him to Richmond to obtain a him certificate but failed in getting his discharge returned – 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 whatever.

S/ Burtis Ringo

[Note: See the affidavits of Burtis and Hannah Ringo given in support of the claim of the widow of William Ashberry in [William Asberry W2988](#)]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry for 2 years 6 months in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Burtis Ringo S31329

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 15 Feb 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Ringo, Brutus.]

This is to Certify Burtus Ringo Inlisted June 1780 in the Cavalry of this State for the war and is now in Service.

N. L. Savage Lieut LD [Nathaniel L. Savage1 R17665]

Richmond

April 12 1783

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "N. L. Savage". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name. The signature is underlined with a thick black line.