

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Burnley S31582

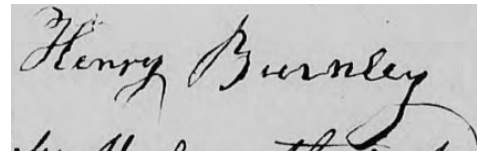
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State of Georgia    }  
County of Warren } S.S.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1834, personally appeared in open Court, to wit, the Superior Court of said County, being a Court of Record, before William H. Crawford, Judge of the Superior Court for the Northern Circuit of said State Henry Burnley a resident of the County of Columbia in said State, aged seventy eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, in the month of March, in the fifth Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers Captain Harry Terrell [Henry Terrell], John Goggins first Lieutenant, Thomas McCrenna second Lieutenant, Robert Watkins ensign, Josiah Parker was the Colonel – the name of the Major this declarant can not recollect. under this enlistment he served two years – during this time he was at Williamsburg, Suffolk, Norfolk & Springfield – joined General Washington at White Marsh [Pennsylvania]. Was a Volunteer under Col. Daniel Morgan and went with him, Col Butler [Richard Butler of PA] and Major Morris to where Burgoin was taken [sic: Burgoyne at Saratoga NY, 17 Oct 1777]. He was discharged at Valley Forge by Colonel Davis [sic: William Davies] and Colonel [William] Russell. His discharge has long since been lost or destroyed. Amongst the engagements he was in during the War of the Revolution were the battle of Chestnut Hill near Germantown [6 Dec 1777] and the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. in the latter battle he served as a Volunteer under Captain William Jones [Bedford County Militia]. This Declarant demeaned [sic: deemed?] himself as a true Whig and faithful soldier during the War of the Revolution as the enclosed commissions from Governors Jefferson and Harrison [not found in file] and certificate of Richard Stith will verify. This Declarant knows of no person now in life that can bear testimony to his services or has the least knowledge thereof except his brother Stephen W. Burnley. The reason this Declarant has made this declaration out of the County in which he has residence is that he is very infirm and the Court House of the County of Warren is more contiguous to his residence than that of the County of Columbia, and his brother Stephen W. Burnley resides in the said County of Warren, and he this Declarant was desirous of obtaining his evidence in support of this his Declaration. This Declarant when he enlisted in the army of the United States lived in the County of Bedford, Virginia from there he removed to Charlotte county in said State thence to Greene County, Georgia – thence to Warren County, Georgia – thence to Columbia county Georgia, where he has resided for the last ten years past.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Burnley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid. Below the signature, there are some faint, illegible markings that appear to be the date "11 0 1834".

Stephen W. Burnley of the County of Warren and State of Georgia, appeared in open Court, and on his oath says, that he is in his sixty fourth year, and will be sixty four years of age on the eight of May 1834. That he well recollects seeing his brother Henry Burnley after he had enlisted in the army of the United States, marching with the Troops near his father's residence in Bedford County Virginia – and he recollects when he returned from the army and his father and mother has often said he was absent two years. After said Henry Burnley returned from this tour of duty he was repeatedly out on service as a

volunteer, as this deponent understood, during the War of the Revolution. He has repeatedly heard persons who were in the Battle of Guilford say that Henry Burnley was in that battle and well recollects seeing Captain William Jones who was killed in that battle buried with the honors of war – his body having been brought to Bedford and buried at his own plantation.

[signed 8 Apr 1834] S W Burnley

Virginia } I do hereby certify that Harry Burnly hath taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance  
Bedford } to this State, according to the form appointed by Act of Assembly, to be taken by the  
County } male Inhabitants of this State above a certain Age: and for other purposes. Witness my  
hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1779                      Richard Stith