

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Burton S32146

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

On the second day of September AD. 1833 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court for Sangamon County John Burton a resident of Sangamon County and State of Illinois aged seventy two 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 1832.

I was born in 1761 in Mecklinburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County Virginia where I resided until 1807 when I removed to Wreatherford [sic: Rutherford] County Tennessee. In 1827 I removed to Sangamon County Illinois where I now reside. I know of no existing record of my age

In December 1780 I was drafted at Mecklinburg County Virginia & served three months as a private in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Asa Oliver & Lieut Speed. We were marched to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County] where I remained during most of my term of service. We were placed under the command of Major Binns Jones and employed during the term we were stationed at Cabin Point as a guard for the military stores deposited at that place. There were no other troops with us at Cabin Point besides the battalion of Major Jones Near the expiration of my term of service we were ordered to Mackay's Mills [Mackie's Mill near Suffolk] sometimes called the Burnt Mills where we were attached to a regiment commanded I think by Col [William] Fleming. There were stationed here several thousands of militia and regulars, commanded by Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. I recollect the names of no other regular officers than those already mentioned. at the expiration of our term of service I received a discharge from Capt Oliver which has been lost.

2<sup>d</sup> Tour. In September 1781 at Mecklinburg County Virginia I was drafted & served three months as a private in a company of militia commanded by Capt Step Berry & Lieut Brown. We were marched to Gloucester Court House where I was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Lu burril [sic: Lewis Burwell] & Major Antony Street. I remained at the seige of Yorktown until the surrender [19 Oct 1781]. I remember the names of no regular officers except those of Gen'l. la Fayette [Lafayette] and Gen Washington. After the surrender of Cornwallis we were marched to New Kent Court House where I received my discharge from Capt. Berry which has been lost.

I have no documentary evidence of my service nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[signed] John Burton

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the children of John Burton received the final pension payment up to his death on 30 Jan 1839.