

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Burk (Burke) S32152 VA
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To the Honb'le. the members of the Senate and house of representatives in the Congress of the United States assembled – your petitioner George Burk of the County of Jefferson and State of Indiana would respectfully represent to your Hon'ble body that he is now aged sixty five years & infirm in body & in indigent circumstances with a helpless family – and your petitioner would farther state that during the revolutionary war in the year 1779 he enlisted in the county of Shenadoah [sic: Shenandoah] in the State of Virginia under Capt. Abraham Tipton whose company belonged to Col. Jos. Crocketts [Joseph Crockett's] Reg't. in the virginia line or continental service that he continued in service in the same company for two years & was then discharged on the falls of the Ohio river [at present Louisville KY] during which period he was continually in the service in guarding the British prisoners at Albemarle Barricks & in repulsing the british & Indians from the district of Kentucky; In consequence of my indigence & infirmity & being informed that general laws heretofore passed by congress for the benefit of the revolutionary soldiers does not embrace my case or furnish any relief for me – I therefore hereby petition, & humbly ask of your honorable body to pass such an act for my benefit as in your wisdom you may deem just and equitable &c &c

Nov'r 8th 1828

George hisXmark Burk

[This petition was accompanied by a sheet bearing several dozen signatures, presumably of supporters of Burk's case.]

[On 10 Nov 1829 George Burk made an application that is less detailed than others. William Hall (pension application W10072) certified Burke's service.]

State of Indiana }
Jefferson County } Ss

Before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace within and for the county & state aforesaid came George Burk, who being by me first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposed & saith that the Schedule or list of property owned or claimed by him as set out on the other page is just & true that he does not at this time nor does any one in trust for him or his use own or possess any more property, than is set forth on the other page. That he resides on Congress Land, & has not for the last twenty years owned any real estate, nor has he ever sold, assigned or transferred any property either Real personal or mixt to any one in trust for him for the purpose of bringing himself within the Law to obtain a pension. That his family consists of his wife now about seventy one years of age & one daughter an Ediot aged about forty four years That he is himself aged about sixty eight years & not able to do labor of any consequence towards supporting himself & family. That much of the support of himself & family is derived from the charity of his neighbours

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 15th day of January 1831 George hisXmark Burk

Schedule of property owned by George Burk an applicant for a pension

Real Estate I have none, nor has any person in trust for me or for my use

2 Cows worth \$6 each	\$12.00
1 bed & bedding worth	5.00
2 small calves worth	2.00
4 Shoats 1 Sow & 6 pigs	5.00
1 old mare with 2 colts worth about	20.00
1 Ax	1.00
1 hoe	.50
1 old plough (20 years old)	____.50

\$46.00

Debts due to me

Abijah Grimes owes me \$11.75 but is insolvent

Debts by me owing

To Mordecai Bricks[?]	\$5.00	
Dan'l. M. Larimore	4.00	
___ Ames1	.56	
Crosby Lewis	1.37½	
Walter Scott	7.50	
Sam'l. Tayler	<u>1.62½</u>	<u>20.06</u>
Am't of property after the payt of Debts		\$25.94

[Service and need certified by Joseph Barlow, pension application S35773.]

State of Indiana }

County of Jefferson } Ss

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Circuit Court for Jefferson County Indiana George Burk of the County and State aforesaid, aged 69 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 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with Captain Abraham Tipton and served in Col Joseph Crocket's regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers General George Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark], Col. Joseph Crocket, Major George Wales [sic: George Walls], Adjutant Peter Moore, Capt Abraham Tipton & Ensign Henry Deming. That he left the service in the Fall of 1781 – lived in Shenandoah County, Virginia, when he entered the service – was in several skirmishes with the Indians, but in no regular battle. That he marched from Albermarle barrack's, into the State of Maryland, thence back to Virginia and rendezvoused in Shepherdstown thence across the Aleghany [sic: Allegheny] mountains to the New Store on the Mononghehala river [sic: New Store, now Elizabeth PA on the Monongahela River], thence on to the Falls of the Ohio River. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name on the Pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid George hisXmark Burk

State of Indiana } [8 Jan 1833]

Jefferson County } Ss

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace within and for the County and state aforesaid George Burke who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below, and in the following grade: For two years I served as a private soldier; and for such service I claim a pension

George hisXmark Burke

NOTE: Among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) is one pertaining to George Burk that includes copies of some of the records from the federal pension file and a power of attorney dated 8 May 1835 that is mostly undeciphered. George Burk was living in Marion County IN at the time of the power of attorney.