

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Edward Burgess S35806

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Floyd County State of Kentucky

Edward Burgess an old Revalutionary Soldier Seventy four years old States that he Enlisted In the Service of the united States against the Common Enemy in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine for the term of Eighteen Months under the command of Captain Newel who was a Captain under the command of Col. Abraham Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] who commanded the Virginia regiment States that he served out his full time of Enlistment and obtained an Honorable Discharge at the End of his Enlistment which Discharge has been lost or mislaid — States that he was in the Battle of Claps Mill State of North Carolina [sic: Skirmish at Clapp's Mill, 2 Mar 1781], at the Battle at Ramsawers Mill the the state aforesaid [Skirmish at Ramseur's Mill, 20 Jun 1780] States that he was in the Battle of gates Defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] as a Militia Soldier under the command of Capt. Thomas Williams and from his age and Infirmary and Debilitated state and from his reduced Circumstance of property stands in need of the assistance of his country agreeable to the act of congress approved the 18th of March 1818 Sworn to and Subscribed in open court the 15th day of June 1818 Edward hisXmark Burgess

Lawrence County Court September Term 1822

Edward Burgess an old revalutionary soldier prefered on oath in open court a statement of facts relative to his services praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States an affidavit of his being in indigent circumstances accompanying the same all of which is ordered to be recorded and certified to the Secretary of War agreeable to the provisions of the Act of Congress Aproved the 18th day of March 1818 which declaration and affidavits are are in the following words and figures, to wit,

State of Kentucky Lawrence County, Sct.

This day personally appeared in open court this being made a court of record by the laws of this State being solemnly adjudged to be such by the other tribunals of this State with power to fine and imprison always keeping a record of its proceedings, Edward Burgess and old revalutionary Soldier aged about seventy eight years a resident of citizen of the county aforesaid formerly Floyd County and in persuance of the Act of Congress of the first of May 1820 it being an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act for the relief of certain persons engaged in the land and navel service of the United States in the army of the Revalutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 upon his oath doth solemnly declare that he enlisted in the army of the of the Revalutionary war of the United States against the common enemy, that he was enlisted by a certain captain Newell a captain of the army of the United States at Hillsborough in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine for the term of eighteen months and was and was also commanded by said Capt. Newell in the Virginia Regiment commanded by colonel Abram Bluford Virginia line and on Continental establishment and that he continued to serve in said Corpse untill the month of October 1781 his time of enlistment being expired he was then honourably discharged from said service at Hillsborough which discharge he has lost or mislaid. he was in the following battles, towit, the battle at Claps mill in the State of North Carolina at the battle of Ramsours mill in the state aforesaid (he was in the battle at Gates defeat as a militia soldier) under the command of Capt. Thomas Williams. And that he has no other evidence of his services except the depositions of Moses Preston [pension application W8533] and Richard Thomson two old revalutionary soldiers which are herewith transmited, and that he made his original declaration of his said services on the 15th June in the year 1818 but has not as yet received his pension certificate, which declaration is herewith filed and transmited marked letter A

And he also in Pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820. he doth declare on oath that he was a resident citizen of the United States of America on the 18th day of March 1818 (as well all his lifetime before), and that he has not since that time by gift sale or conveyance or in any other

manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so as to diminish the same so as to bring himself within the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has no estate real or personal or any debts securities or contracts or money due unto him or income other than that contained in the following schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed. to wit one sorrel horse value @ \$50 one cow @ \$10 three young heifers @ \$12 one old hame @ 25 cents one axe @ 75 cents farming utensils @ \$2 house hold furniture of every kind and nature @ \$10 his debts that he owes amounts to \$5 and the total amount of his estate is \$74.75 cents, he has no other property either real or personal his occupation is that of a farmer but he is too old and infirm to persue it his family consists of his wife named Nancy aged about 75 years, and himself and his said wife is unable to contribute any thing to his support and that himself and her entirely live on the bounty of their friends. Subscribed by me
Edward hisXmark Burgess

NOTE:

On 6 Nov 1833 Burgess deposed as follows in support of pension application S8999 of Josiah Marcum: "Edward Burgess states that Josiah Marcum an applicant for a pension, was enlisted by him as a Sarjeant, either in the year 1778 or '79 - however it was in the same year that Gates was defeated at Camden. It was in the Spring of the year and entered service for Eighteen months as continental troops. He knows that said Marcum went out under Capt. Nat. Tate and served out his full term of 18 months. Marcum acted as Drummer only a few days and until we joined the main army - then he acted as a private Soldier. He was in Gates's defeat at Camden & was discharged after the expiration of said enlistment at Hillsborough in North Carolina. Marcum was enlisted by this affiant in Bedford County Virginia. We were under the immediate command of Gen'l Stephens - this affiant was not always with the Army but was sent off sometimes to enlist more soldiers - he always saw Marcum in the army whenever he brought in new recruits. He has known him since he was a boy. This affiant has been on the pension roll for six or seven years and the reason he understands why Marcum was not on the roll was because he was worth too much."

Several other pension applications indicate that Capt. Nathaniel Tate was in fact in the Bedford County Militia, and Gen. Edward Stevens commanded the Virginia Militia and not Continental troops. Buford was not at any of the engagements mentioned by Burgess.