

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Burgess S37797

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At a monthly sessions court held for Goochland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 15th day of June 1818

Present in court, John Curd, Nicholas M. Vaughan, William Bolling and Benjamin Anderson Gentlemen Justices.

William Burgess on this 15th day of June 1818 personally appeared in court aged 77 years resident in this county and State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" that he the said Wm. Burgess enlisted in the county of Rockingham in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Bowyer of the [blank] Virginia regiment sometime in the year 1778 for 18 months on the continental establishment and was commanded by Colonel William Davis [sic: William Davies], that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until about the month of October 1780 when he was discharged from service in the county of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia, that he was not in any battles during his service, and that he is in reduced circumstances and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of John Underwood which is here produced in court and ordered to be filed, sworn to and declared before the county court of Goochland [the rest is certification by the court]

State of Virginia; At a Monthly Sessions Court held for Goochland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 17th day of July 1820.

Present in Court, George W. Payne, John Brown, William Ford & Thomas Courman Gentlemen Justices.

On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County of Goochland, William Burgess aged seventy nine years resident in said County of Goochland who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows; that he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Bowyer of the [blank] Virginia Regiment, in the year 1778 for 18 months on continental establishment, was commanded by Colo. Wm. Davis that he made a declaration before this Court of his enlistment as a soldier on the fifteenth day of June 1818 that he received in consequence of the declaration aforesaid certificate for a pension dated 13th March 1819 & marked 7596. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, my occupation or trade is a weaver, but I am not able to pursue it. I have no family residing with me; sworn to and declared before the court aforesaid on the said 17th day of July 1820

(A Schedule to wit) A Schedule of the estate of Wm. Burgess this 17th day of July 1820 – I declare I have no estate of any kind whatever

Wm. Burgess