

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Burton S40761

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The State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson Esq. One of the Judges of the Court of Equity in the State aforesaid --

To All to whom these presents shall come Greetings

“Know ye that Richard Burton Citizen resident of the District and State aforesaid did this day appear before me and made oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty God that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war in the year 1776 under Captain Isaac Hicks of the Infantry in the third Georgia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Screven, was at the Siege of Sunbury [November 25, 1778] and was there taken prisoner. And that he served faithfully for the Term of three years and was discharged by the Captain in 1779 which Discharge is here annexed, he further deposes and saith that from his reduced circumstances in life, he needs the Aid of his Country for Support.”

S/ Richard Burton

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Richard Burton', written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

In testimony to the above named Richard Burton did this day made oath before me of the truth of the above affidavit. I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the Court to be affixed this 2nd day of June in the year of our Lord 1818 and of the Independence of the United States of America the 42.

S/ W. Thompson

J. W. Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of Equity of the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that from the evidence be exhibited to me it appears to my satisfaction that the within mentioned Richard Burton did serve in the revolutionary war as above stated, and that he is Entitled to the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 18th of March 1818 in such case.

Given under my hand the day and date above mentioned.

S/ W. Thompson

To the Honorable John C. Calhoun
Secretary at War

I am satisfied from the affidavit of Colonel Abner Blocker that the within named Richard Burton is in necessitous circumstances. Given under my hand this 26th of June 1818.

S/ W. Thompson

This is to Certify that Richard Burton was a Soldier in the third Georgia Regiment, and was at the

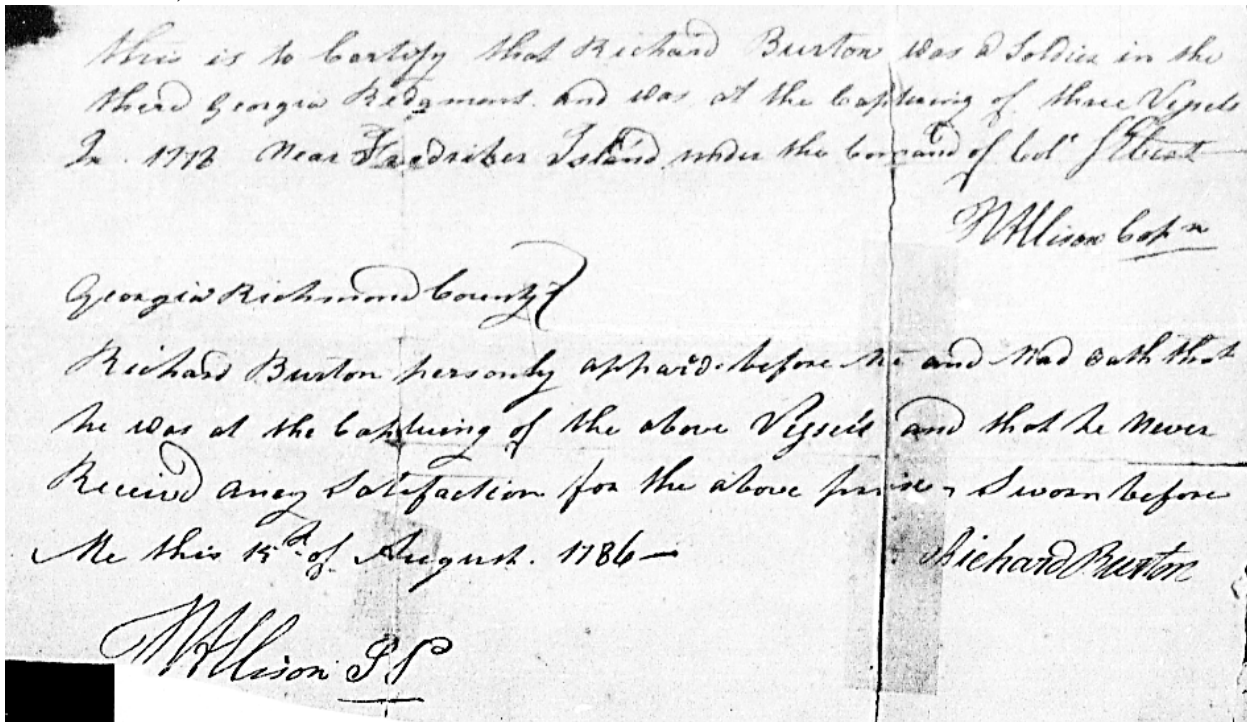
capturing of three Vessels in 1778 near Frederica Island¹ under the Command of Colonel S. Elbert.
S/ W. Allison, Capt.

Georgia Richmond County

Richard Burton personally appeared before me and made oath that he was at the Capturing of the above Vessels and that he never received any satisfaction for the above prize. Sworn before me this 15th of August 1786.

S/ W. Allison, JP

S/ Richard Burton



State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

On this 5th day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the said District and State Richard Burton, aged Sixty-one years, resident of the Waters of Log Creek in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz.: in a Regiment of the Georgia line commanded by Colonel Screven in a company commanded by Captain Isaac Hicks, that he is now on the Pension Roll by virtue of the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818. That his Certificate for a pension is dated the 18th day of September 1818. That his pension commenced on the second day of June 1818 and that he has already received his pension from that period until 6th March 1820. And he does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of An 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," passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income or Estate real or personal or mixed, except the property contained in the following Schedule Viz.:

One Axe and one Hoe	\$2.00
2 Pine Tables and side board	8.00

1 The battle at Frederica Island is mentioned in [Griffeth Dickenson S20896](#) and [John Jack Ga10](#)

4 chairs \$2.00	25 Hogs \$37.50	39.50
1 Book case & Books		10.00
1 pr Hames [?] & Traces		1.50
1 pr. Steelyards[?]		2.75
Kitchen furniture		<u>6.00</u>
		\$84.75

That he is exceedingly infirm & lame that he is unable to pursue his form occupation of a Taylor [sic, tailor], having failed much in his eye sight – that he has a wife infirm and three children two sons and a daughter all of age and out of his control – and that he cannot look to, or expect support from any one whatever if his pension is withdrawn from him.

Sworn to and declared in Open Court, the day and year above stated.

S/ M. Mims[?], C. C. J

S/ Rich^d Burton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 2, 1818, for service as a private in the Georgia Continental line.]