

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Burton S42111

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The State of Ohio } Ss.

Franklin County } On this ninth day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Franklin and state of Ohio personally appears Joshua Burton aged sixty nine years old Resident in Pickaway County and State of Ohio who being by me 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 Joshua Burton enlisted in Frederick Town in the state of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Price of Maryland Rifle company in the year 1775. That said Company was marched to Cambridge State of Massachusetts near Boston that he continued to serve in the service of the United States until the year 1780 when he was discharged from service at Pittsburgh state of Pennsylvania, That after serving at Cambridge aforesaid that said Company was placed under the command of Capt. Otho Williams. That said company was stationed at Roxberry [sic: Roxbury] near Boston during the winter following, that in the spring of 1776 s'd. company was marched to New York & moved on to Staten Island. That about that time a number of companies were formed into a Regiment under the command of Col. Moses Rollins [sic: Moses Rawlings], and s'd. Captain Williams promoted to a Major, that said Company was commanded by Capt'n. Philip Griffin who was promoted from 1st Lieutenant of s'd Company, That the said Reg't. marched to Fort Independence [in present Bronx County NY] from thence crossed to Fort Washington where the said Regiment had a Battle with the Brittish [16 Nov 1776] and were mostly captured by the Brittish & taken prison[ers] That said deponent was put aboard of the Bittish prison ships near New York, that some time afterwards he was exchanged, That after the exchange this deponent was placed in a company commanded by Capt'n. Alex'r. Lawson Sm[edge of page; Alexander Lawson Smith] and continued under him until his discharge, That he was in the Battles at Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] near Sussex Courthouse and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence in his power of said service, That he has lost his discharge but in what manner he cannot say Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid Joshua hisXmark Burton

Auditors Office Annapolis 5th April 1819

I hereby Certify that it appears from the Muster Rolls remaining in the Auditors Office that Joshua Burton enlisted as a private on 29th July 1776 in Rawlings' Reg't. and was discharged on the of July 1779

Tho's. Karney Aud'r./ State Md

State of Ohio, Pickaway County, SS.

Supreme Court August Term 1821.

On this eighth day August 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record) Joshua Burton a resident citizen of said County of Pickaway aged seventy-five years on the 24th day of October next who being first sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Joshua Burton enlisted for the term of one year in the first year of the Revolutionary War in the State of Maryland into the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Price an independent company of the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps the full term of one year when he was honorably discharged from the said service on Staten Island in the

State of New York on or about the first day of July That he immediately enlisted again into the same corps commanded by Philip Griffen (the said Thomas Price having been promoted) for three years the said Company being then attached in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moses Rollins or Rawlings and he (the Deponent) continued to serve in the said corps for three years when he was Honorably discharged from said service at Fort Pitt in the state of Pennsylvania on or about the first day of July 1779. During the last mentioned service he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington, and that after his exchange he was attached to the 11th Virginia Regiment and was shortly afterwards attached to the Maryland troops under General [William] Smallwood in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith He afterwards enlisted for one year in the Company commanded by Captain Boyd of the Pennsylvania line and served out that year when he was honorably discharge at Bedford in the State of Pennsylvania That he was in the battles of Fort Washington, Germantown, Monmouth plains and Brandywine, at which last mentioned place he received a slight flesh wound in the leg. That he has no other evidence in his power of said services, all his discharges having been long since lost, by time and accident. And, that he received a pension the number of the certificate of which is 12688. 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 (to wit)

Schedule.

Real Estate. None. Personal and mixed Estate. None, except the mere clothing on myself and my wife. By occupation I was a farmer but I am too aged, feeble and infirm to labor.

All the family I have, consists of myself & my wife. My wife is about 70 years of age, feeble and infirm and can do but little labor.

And further this deponent saith not.

Joshua hisXmark Burton