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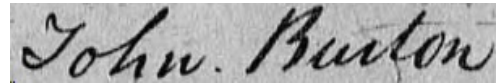
Pension Application of John Burton S46831

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Application for a new Certificate

County of Henrico to wit

On this 9th day of September 1820 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of Henrico personally appeared John Burton who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Captain [William] Mosby in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War that his name was place on the pension Roll of the State of Virginia that he has never received a certificate of that fact. Given under my hand the day and year above written



Baltimore March 20th 1855

To The Honorable Secretary of War

Dear Sir My Father John Burton was an invalid revolutionary pensioner from Henrico County state of Virginia enlisted in the service in 76 under Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and was wounded in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and taken prisoner and remained until the close of the war when he was exchanged and returned home it appears from the files in the land office in Richmond virginia that he was entled to land for his service but that he never received it. Mr Parker the register has furnished me with these facts and refers to Smiths reports to the house of Representatives in 36 & 37 he died in 1828 Dec 27 and at that time I was only fourteen years old you will greatly oblige a poor widow with three small children entirely dependant on her needle for a support if there is any thing due me under the existing circumstances to be good enough to aid me in obtaining it as it will greatly add to my conflicting circumstances. I am the only remaining child my health poor should you give your attention to this you will ever receive my many thanks and acknowledgements

Yours with

Respect/ Sarah A Foose

PS if you should answer this please direct to me No. 9 Freemont st

NOTES:

A letter dated 6 March 1835 states that John Burton was a Sergeant. A typed summary states that at the Battle of Germantown Burton was "wounded by a ball which fractured his skull and injured his left hip, was taken prisoner, exchanged on October 28, 1777, and was discharged April 30, 1778. On account of disability resulting from the above noted injuries, he was pensioned from January 1, 1803, at the Virginia Agency."

A letter dated 29 March 1851 states that at his death John Burton left three children, one of whom lived in Baltimore. A letter dated 13 Jan 1857 quotes Sarah A Foose as follows: "My mother died the year before my Father. They were married in Henrico County, Virginia and lived together forty seven years. My own age was 40 on the 11th of this month." The letter also refers to her brother, William Burton, who "served with gallantry in the War of 1812."

The following are papers for the only John Burton found in [pension records of the Library of Virginia](#):

I do Certify that I have received and examined John Burton and finds him disabled so far by a wound formerly received on his back by a Ball that I consider him Incapable of labour

Staunton July 17th 1787

Alex'r Humphrys



North Carolina }

Buncombe County } This day [26 Oct 1806] came John
Burton before us two of the Justices of the

peace for the County aforesaid & made Oath in Due form of Law that he was a private soldier & served four years as such as well as he recollects in a regiment of troops from the State of Virginia first under the Command of Col. [George] Washington who was succeeded by Col. Bird [sic: William Byrd] as commander of said Regiment of Infantry from the state of Virginia (in what was called Braddocks war [French and Indian War]) in which said servitude as a soldier this deponent Received a wound whereby he became a pentioner in the State of Virginia aforesaid & has continued as such ever since



On 1 Oct 1791 this John Burton signed with his X.