

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Burns S4979

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 19th day of September, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judge of said Court now sitting, James Burns a resident of the County of Chatham County and State of North Carolina, aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated, he volunteered in the County of Chatham in State of North Carolina and attached himself as a private in the Company of mounted militia under the command of Captain Tavner Marsh he joined the General Butler's Army somewhere in the County of Chatham and was marched to Crows Ford on Haw River where he expects news was received of the taking of Hillsboro he was marched with the Army of the River and came on the Tories near Lindley's Mill<sup>1</sup> in the County of Orange at which place a Battle was fought. The Whigs were commanded by General Butler, Colonel Luttrell & Major Nall of the militia, Colonel Robert Mebane of the Regulars was present in had a command and under whom this deponent fought in the action. After the Battle he was marched to Hillsboro after which he can give no accurate account of the service which he performed during this Tour nor does he recollect where, how or by whom he was discharged, nor the exact length of time which he served but he is quite certain that it was not less than three months –

He further states that not long after his discharge as aforesaid he again volunteered his services as a private in the North Carolina mounted militia in the County of Chatham and joined the company commanded by Captain Goldston and Lieutenant Kendrick this service was designed principally to act against the Tories and he was employed with the company in scouring the County of Chatham and those adjacent thereto in search of Tories and done much service to the Whig cause as the company was very active and made many prisoners. He was marched with the company to Fayetteville and from thence below that place he was in less than a days march of the Brown Marsh<sup>2</sup> when a battle was fought there. The day after the Battle he received

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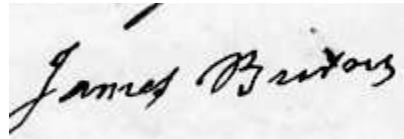
<sup>1</sup> September 13, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

<sup>2</sup> The action there is thought to have taken place sometime in the month of September 1781 but the date is not certain. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/brownmarsh.htm>

a written discharge which was signed by Colonel Griffis which is now lost or destroyed he served at least three months in the above Tour of duty. He further states that he has no recollection of the day, month or year in which he entered the service or was discharged from the same and that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to the whole of his service but he expects he can prove his first tour by the testimony of John Fooshee<sup>3</sup> but is not certain. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or territory in the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Burns

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Burns". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Nathan Stedman and Joseph May gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

[fn p. 18: the Bounty Land Warrant Record Card of James Burns, Senior, a private "in the artillery" in the line of Pennsylvania, Warrant number 9048, for 100 acres issued November 5, 1789 is erroneously attached to this file.]

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<sup>3</sup> [John Fooshee S8511](#)