

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Burrell Branch S6698

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Duplin County } August Term 1832

On this the twenty eighth day of August Anno Domini 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court aforesaid viz Alfred Ward, Robert Middleton and Richard Miller now sitting Burrell Branch a resident of Duplin County and State of North Carolina aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1781 with whom I do not now recollect and served in the tenth regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers Gen'l Green [Nathanael Greene], Gen'l Brown, Col Blount, Major Doherty, Joseph Rhodes Captain, Curtis Ivey Lieutenant, the Ensign he does not recollect. that he left this term of enlistment he thinks in May 1782, that when he entered the service he resided in the County of Duplin N.C. that he was not in any battle, but was in hearing of the battle at Eutaw Springs [in South Carolina, 8 Sep 1781], that he was engaged for one year, that he rendezvoused at Duplin old Court House and marched from thence to Hillsborough N. C. from thence to Salisbury N.C. from thence by Charlotte to Camden in South Carolina, from thence to Thomson's fort, he thinks, on either the Wateree or Congaree [Belleville, fortified home of Gen. William Thomson near confluence of Wateree and Congaree rivers], from thence on towards the Eutaw Springs. from thence he was detached with some wounded men to Camden where he remained till he was discharged &c.

That he entered the service as a militiaman under the command of Captain Thomas Williams, Barrell Moring [sic: Burwell Mouring] Lieutenant, Thomas Rutledge Colonel, & Col. James Moore. that he does not recollect the day, month or year but it was before he was in the regular services. neither does he recollect the time when he left the service, that he engaged his first term in the militia for three months, that he served under the officers aforesaid; that he engaged another term of three months in the militia under, he thinks, as well as he can recollect, the same officers as in the first term of militia service, that he resided in Duplin County N C. when he entered each of these terms of service, that he thinks he was a volunteer in both terms, that he was in no battle, that he does not well recollect where he rendezvoused but thinks it was at Duplin's old Court House, that he marched through New Hanover County N.C. to Wilmington and Jumping Run a mile or two from Wilmington, that he remained there sometimes guarding & keeping sentry till both terms of his militia service was out; that he served with no continental regiments or companies while in the militia regiments, that while he was in the Militia service he was acquainted with no regular officer but Curtis Ivey; that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service in the militia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State Interrogatories propounded to Burrell Branch an applicant for a pension on account of Revolutionary services

1st Where & in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Dobbs County N.C. now Greene County in the year 1757

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans I have no record of my age. I think I once had but it has been destroyed in some way

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live.

Ans. When I entered the first three months of militia service above spoken of I lived in Duplin County N.C. but I served seventeen days before that time and when I entered the seventeen days service I lived in Dobbs County N.C. Since the Revolutionary War I've lived in Duplin County NC. except one year that I lived in New Hanover Cty & I now live in Duplin

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute

Ans. I volunteered as well as I recollect when I entered the militia service

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your service

Ans There were no regular officers with the troops with whom I served in the militia neither do I recollect any continental regiments, while in the militia services. the militia regiments at Jumping was commanded by Col James Moore & Col Thomas Moulten. the general circumstances of my service are related above

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Ans. I did receive a discharge from the militia service but I don't recollect who gave it to me, and I took no care of it & dont know what's gone with it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Ans John Watkins, Elisha Jones, John Carr, Edward Pearsall & some others I could name

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid Burrell hisXmark Branch

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Duplin County } Term 1833.

On this the 27th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before Richard Miller James Lawson and Stephen Graham Esquires now holding the court aforesaid Burrell Branch the aforesaid applicant to amend his foregoing declaration and being duly sworn declares and says that he served in the continental service aforesaid twelve months as a private; and in the fall of the year 1776 he served three months as a private in the militia under Captain Thomas Williams Capt. Burrell Moring Lieu that his marches in both tours of his militia service were from Duplin to Wilmington and the vicinity to prevent the enemy from taking possession of that place

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NOTE: A certificate from the Secretary of State indicates that Burrell Branch's term in the Continental Army ended on 25 May 1782.