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Pension Application of John Burgess S8113

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State of Virginia }
Fluvanna County } S.S.

On this 3^d day of October 1833 personally appeared before me John Winn a justice of the peace for the County of Fluvanna, John Burgess, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty nine years, who being 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 1833.

That he served in the Revolutionary War, under the following named officers, and as herein stated. To Wit. That in the year 1775 (as well as he can recollect) he joined a company commanded by Captain William Henry, as a substitute for Jesse Burton and marched from the said County of Fluvanna, to Williamsburg, Hampton and sundry other places in the lower part of Virginia, and after serving three months (as well as he can recollect) was discharged. That said Captain Henrys Company he thinks was attached to Col. [blank] Regiment

That in the early part of the year 1776 he enlisted for twelve months, in a company under Captain Roger Thompson to be in readiness to take the field at a minutes warning, and were called minute men. That in a few days thereafter the said Company was ordered into service, and he marched therein from the said County of Fluvanna under Captain Thompson, to Richmond, Hanover Town, New Kent Court House, Burwells Ferry [at Hog Island on James River] and other places in the lower part of Virginia where they were in service several months. Thence the said Company was ordered to the western part of said state against the Indians, and marched under the Command of Col. Haynes Morgan to Holstein River [sic: Holston River] where they remained in service, he is of opinion three months That a treaty of peace having been concluded with the Indians [Treaty of Long Island, 20 Jun 1777] the said Company returned to Fluvanna. That on the return of said Company to Fluvanna, they were permitted by their officers to disperse amongst their friends until called on to complete said term of service agreeable to enlistment, which he thinks they never were so called on. In what particular manner they were discharged he cannot say. That he served in said Company as aforesaid, not less than six months, (he thinks he might say eight months.) That he has no recollection of having received a written discharge. The said John Burgess upon his oath as aforesaid further saith; That by reason of old age, bodily infirmity, and the loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served as a private in Capt. Henry's Company not less than three months and in Capt. Thompsons Company not less than six months, the periods mentioned above – for which he claims a pension. That the Corps with which he served (so far as he was informed) were called into service by the competent authority, That he was either in the field, or in Garrison for the time during which the service was performed. And that he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

That he was born in the said County of Fluvanna that he resided therein at the time he was called into service & still resides there. That he has no record of his age, but from the best information he can obtain he is of the age above mentioned.

That Thomas Shores, Jesse Hughes [pension application S9594], John Bashaw and Austin Seay [W19341] are person's to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

John hisXmark Burgess

[Jesse Hughes and Austin Seay certified that they had served with Burgess.]

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that Daniel M. Burgess received the final pension payment of his father up to the date of his death on 16 Feb 1835.