

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Burgess S9295

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term A.D. 1833

On this __day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful the Justices of said [court] now sitting John Burgess a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 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 7, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

Sometime in the year 1780 he was drafted in Randolph County in NC and joined General Butler's Army between Salisbury and Charlotte he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Johnson and a Regiment which he thinks was commanded by Colonel Collier he was marched with the Army to Charlotte where they remained about a month guarding the prisoners taken at the battle of Kings Mountain when he was marched to Salisbury with the prisoners at which place he remained on duty until his term of service expired when he was discharged after having served three months as a private soldier his discharge was signed by General Butler but is now lost or destroyed the above service was performed in the North Carolina militia

In three or four months after his discharge as aforesaid he was again drafted in Randolph County NC and joined a company of militia commanded by Captain Robert McLean he served his tour in Randolph County under Captain McLean and Major Dugan until he was discharged after having served three months his discharge was signed by Major Dugan and Captain McLean but is now lost or destroyed and he is entirely unable to procure the same –

In less time than one month after his discharge as aforesaid he volunteered his services as a private in a company of Horse commanded by Captain William York of the North Carolina Militia who was raising a company of volunteers he served three months in Randolph County with Captain York's Company when he was discharged his discharge was signed by Captain York and Major Dugan the latter of whom was generally with the Company – that his discharge is now lost or destroyed and he is unable to procure the same, both these last tours were designed to operate against the Tories in Randolph County who were very numerous and had become formidable under their daring leader the notorious Colonel Fanning [David Fanning].

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person except William Burgess whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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/ John Burgess, X his mark

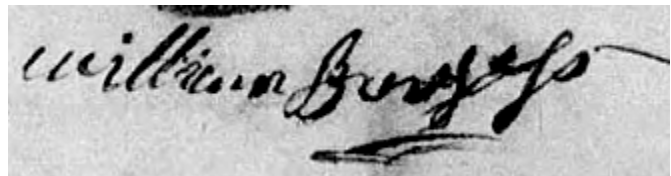
[Abraham Lane and William Jordan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Randolph County: This day came William Burgess of said County before me David Campbell Esquire one of the acting Justices in and for said County and made Oath that John Burgess of Chatham County was drafted and served three, three months Tours as one of the Militia of this State in the Revolutionary Service. Sworn to and subscribed this 11th of May 1833

Attest:

S/ William Burgess

S/ D. Campbell, JP

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "William Burgess" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]