

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Charles Burton SC1041  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 946.5

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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of Charles Burton now a Citizen of Pendleton District originally a native of Ireland but for many years a resident of Newberry District respectfully Sheweth that he is in reduced from his Extreme old age and Infirmary to desire of your Honorable body an humble pension to protect him from hardship he is now unable to bear –

Having rendered some service to his country during the revolutionary Struggle & driven to claim a pension by necessities against which he is unable to bear up longer unaided he submits to your Honorable body the only testimonials the lapse of time and the frailty of man permit him to avail himself of which with the evidence of honest Industry and which he hopes has always characterized his life your petitioner is induced to believe will be satisfactory –

Your petitioner was in service during a couple of tours against the Cherokee Indians attached to Colonel Lyles [Lieutenant Colonel John Lisle's] Regiment under the command of Captain Houzeal [William Houseal] after which he Joined the Florida Expedition under the command of Captain Ryan –

A short time after his return home he was again under arms with the same Captain in a company attached to Colonel Lyles Regiment but then commanded by Major Gordon and Marched against the British forces at Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], was in the battle of Stono and received a wound in his right leg which seriously disabled him for many weeks and even now Incomodes [incommodes] him the scar occasioned by which he proudly bears as an evidence of his devotion to his country. Your Petitioner was frequently embodied with his neighbors at & near a station known as Ruffs Mills under Temporary Leaders for the protection of their families & property and in the suppression of the disaffected of which kind of people there was no scarcity in his neighborhood & during the whole time was always ready & willing to render service whenever & wherever needed.

He has now nearly obtained his eighty seventh year & has a wife but five years younger who for many years has been prevented from rendering the Little help towards procuring a

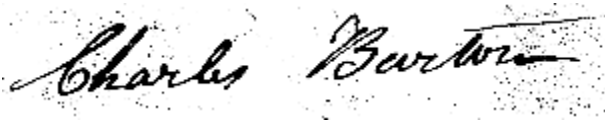
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support by a fall which occasioned the dislocation of her collarbone. This with her Extreme age & bodily Infirmities has rendered her wholly helpless –

Your Petitioner is informed that he is required submit to your body a Schedule of his property – he owns a small horse of the value of forty-five dollars and for which he is indebted to the private charity of his friends he has a bed and a few articles of Household furniture in the whole amounting to less than half that value. Your petitioner therefore prays to be placed on the pension list that he may with its assistance be enabled to spend the small remnant of his days allotted him here with such Temporal comfort as it will afford.

S/ Charles Burton



South Carolina Pendleton District} Personally appeared Charles Burton and being sworn on oath saith that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition are true

S/ Charles Burton

Sworn to & subscribed  
November 14<sup>th</sup> 1827  
before  
S/ John Hunter, Not. P.

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South Carolina Newberry District} Personally came before me William Suber one of the Justices of the peace for Newberry District, James McNure of the State and District aforesaid, and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was present and saw Charles Burton formerly of this District but now a Citizen of Pendleton District, South Carolina, in the time of the Revolutionary War, perform duty in the American service, under the Command of Colonel John Liles, against the Cherokee Indians, also under the Command of General Williams [sic, Andrew Williamson] against the Indians.

Sworn before me this 26<sup>th</sup> March 1827  
S/ Wm Suber, JP

S/ James McNure [?]



[p 8: the petition as favorably viewed in 1827 by both the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives]

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The State of South Carolina Newberry District

Before me Isaac Keller one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the District of Newberry personally came David Boyd of the said district and made oath that he was acquainted with Charles Burton now of Pendleton District Anderson County, during the Revolutionary War, that the said Charles together with this deponent under the command of Major Thomas Gordon, in the detachment commanded by General Williamson, served a tour of duty in the State of Georgia in the service of the United States, against the forces of the King of

Great Britain. The said tour lasted for at least 40 days, and this deponent is satisfied that the said Charles never received any pay for his said services.

Sworn to before me September 18<sup>th</sup> 1828

S/ Isaac Keller, JP

S/ David Boyd



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State of South Carolina Anderson District} Personally came Edward Wade & made oath in due form of law & saith that he is Intimately Acquainted with Charles Burton (who is an applicant to the legislature of South Carolina for a pension) and has been for upwards of twenty years & saith that at one time he heard said Burton say that he fought in King's Army at the Battle of Briar Creek & as it was boasted how he Defeated & chased the American Army that night & further saith that at another time he heard said Burton say that he did fight for the King in the Revolutionary War & swore that if it was to do again he would do so.

S/ Edward Wade, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1828 before me

S/ W Brown, J Q

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South Carolina Anderson District} Personally came Solomon Geer before me and maketh oath that some years ago he heard Charles Burton (who it is said is an applicant for a pension for Revolutionary Services) most of having fought under the British standard at Briar Creek in the State of Georgia in the revolutionary Struggle and that common report says said Burton was a Tory. Sworn to and subscribed before me November 13, 1828

S/ William Aker, JP

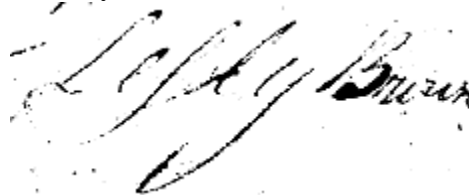
S/ Solomon Geer



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State of South Carolina Anderson District} Personally came Lesly Brown and made oath in due form of law & saith that at one time he heard Charles Burton & William Brown have a conversation about the revolutionary war & heard said Burton tell said William of a great Deal of service & great fatigue that he underwent on the side of the British in said war & also saith that at another time that he heard Burton say he fought with the British at the Battle of Briar Creek & heard him boast how the [word written over and rendered illegible] Defeated & chased the Americans that night.

S/ Lesly Brown



Sworn & subscribed  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1828 before me  
S/ W. Brown, J Q

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State of South Carolina Anderson District} Personally came William Brown and made oath in due form of law & saith that he is Intimately acquainted with Charles Burton (who is an applicant to the legislature of South Carolina for a pension) & has been for upwards of 20 years & also saith that some years ago a conversation took place between said Burton and this Deponent about the revolutionary War in the course of which conversation said Burton told this Deponent of a great deal of service rendered & hardship & fatigue underwent by him in the service of the king and also stated that he had fought in 3 Engagements against the Americans namely the Cherokee Ford at the Creek & the Battle of Briar Creek.

S/ W. Brown



Sworn & subscribed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1828 before me  
S/ William Acker, JP

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South Carolina Anderson District} personally came James Wardlaw before me & maketh oath that he did hear Charles Burton say that he did fight under the British Standard at Musgrove's Mill [August 19, 1780] in the revolutionary war and that he the said Burton was wounded in said Action. Sworn to before me November 17<sup>th</sup> 1828

S/ Wm Acker, JP

S/ James Wardlaw

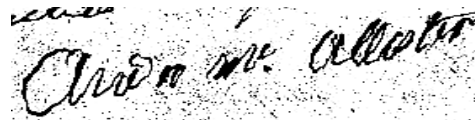


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State of South Carolina Pickens District} Personally appeared before me John McWhorter the Subscribing Justice for said District Andrew McAllister<sup>2</sup> and made oath in due form of law and Saith that he knew Charles Burton in the revolutionary war and that he the said Burton served as a Soldier in the Florida Expedition in Colonel Lisle's Regiment and Captain William Houzeal's Company and that he was a citizen of South Carolina and that he has still been a citizen of the same and that he is now become poor and indigent by reason of his great age and infirmities. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1829

S/ John McWhorter, JP

S/ Andrew Mc. Allister



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<sup>2</sup> [Andrew McAllister R6602](#)

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State of South Carolina Anderson District } this day personally appeared Before me Charles  
Burton & made oath in due form of law & saith that he rendered service to his Country in the  
Revolutionary war in the year 1777 in Colonel John Liles Regiment Captain William Houszeal's  
Company as a private soldier in Defense of his Country, Sworn to and subscribed this 20<sup>th</sup> of  
August 1830

Before me

S/ William Copeland, JQ

S/ Charles Burton

I do hereby certify  
the above to be true  
to the best of my  
remembrance.

S/ Jeremiah Williams Sergeant  
at that time

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[p 28: the petition was rejected again in 1830]