

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Burton W5236                      Dicey Burton                      VA  
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At a court of Quarterly Session held for Albemarle County the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823  
Albemarle County Ss

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Albemarle (so constituted by State authority) Thomas Burton of the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia aged 62 years the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1823 who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said Thomas Burton enlisted in the County of Hanover for the term of eighteen months on the sixth day of March 1779 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Trevillian [Thomas Trevilian] shortly after which being rendezvoused at Fredericksburg he was transferred to Captain Hord [Thomas Hoard BLWt1073-300] in the regiment commanded by Colonel Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford S46372] in the line of the State of Virginia in the United States continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the last of October 1780 he then enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain White [Tarpley White R18959] in said Regiment during the war when he was discharged from said Service in Fluvanna County state of Virginia that he was in no battle and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services except the evidence of Wilson Roberts [S6027] of the County of Albemarle and State aforesaid who served with him in Captain Hords company about 11 months and in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz, about eighty dollars in debts due to me fifteen dollars in cash & a pair of Taylor's shears. I now live with my son William. In the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia and by occupation a Tailor and prevented from following the trade by failing in the eye sight in a great measure  
Thomas Burton

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The claim appears to have been rejected because there was no evidence that Thomas Burton served to the end of the war.]

State of Virg'a. Corporation of Rich[mon]d To wit [27 Aug 1835]

your memorialist Geo. W. Burton who is the son and agent of Thos. Burton who lives at present in the County of Albermarle, and who was a soldier of the Virg'a. Contl. Line in the war of the Revolution, respectfully represents – that he believes the Statement made by his s'd father as to his enlistment & services in this annexed declaration [a copy of the above application for a pension] to be true, and he as the agent of his s'd father by virtue of a power of attorney duely executed and acknowledged, prays that the land bounty which is usually granted in such cases may be in this case allowed – and that war[ran]ts may issue for the same. Your memorialist states that until his arrival at the City of Rich'd. he was not apprized of the rule of the Executive which requires that application for land should be made on petition, and that his said father is ignorant of s'd rule, and as it would be impracticable at this time to procure such petition from his said father, he prays that the above claim for land bounty may be examined on this petition & he will ever pray &c                      [signed] Geo W Burton

NOTES:

On 10 Feb 1837 George W. Burton of Port Republic VA, heir of Thomas Burton, enquired about bounty land and pension that he erroneously thought were due.

On 15 July 1853 Dicey Burton, 66, applied for a pension stating that as Dicey Reynolds she was married by Rev. Hatch to Thomas Burton on 16 Mar 1826, and her husband died on 20 Mar 1845. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 10 Mar 1826 by Thomas Burton and Thomas S. Shelton for the marriage of Burton to Dicey Reynolds. On an application for bounty land dated 22 Mar 1855 Dicey Burton was said to be 67 years old. On 19 Dec 1867 Andrew J. Burton, 50, son and only heir of Dicey Burton, applied for the pension that had been suspended during the Civil War, during which period he was her sole means of support until her death on 18 Jan 1864. On 12 Mar 1868 Andrew J. Burton was said to be 48, and the date of his mother's death was said to be 19 Jan 1864.