

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Burchfield ¹ W8175 Mary Burchfield f45NC
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State of Indiana Franklin County: SS

On this 14th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Henry Berry, Probate Judge of Franklin County State of Indiana John Burchfield, a resident of the County and state aforesaid, aged sixty-seven 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 7th, 1832.

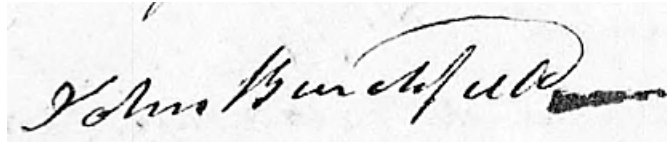
1st That he was born in the County of Guilford, North Carolina, June 6, 1765 -- 2nd That he has no record of his age. 3rd That he was living when called into service at Cathy's Station [sic, Cathey's Station] on Catawba River North Carolina -- that he lived after the revolution 13 years in Abbeville district South Carolina, after that he moved to Warren County, Kentucky, and lived in that State about 21 years -- from thence he removed to Indiana in the year 1822 [could be 1812] and has since that time lived in Rush & Franklin Counties Indiana -- and that he now lives in Franklin County aforesaid. 4th That he volunteered in the service of the United States. 5th That he first volunteered into the service of the United States April 7th 1780 in Burke County North Carolina. Served under Captain Joseph McDowell Lieutenant Joseph McKiney [sic, Joseph McKinney?], and Ensign Harry Highland. That he served most of the time in South Carolina -- marched from Burke County to Ninety Six South Carolina from thence to White Ponds, and there joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] before the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. When we joined the General Morgan Captain McDowell was made Major, and was wounded at the battle of Cowpens. This deponent was in the battle of Cowpens and was wounded in the forehead by a sword -- this deponent recollects Colonel William Washington who came round to view the wounded after the battle he also recollects General Morgan. After the battle of Cowpens this deponent marched under Hary Highland [sic] who had been made Captain, to North Carolina and left the service at the Quaper meadows [sic, Quaker Meadows], being dismissed there until called upon again -- but was not called on afterwards in that service -- the time I left the service was the first of February 1781 -- this service amounted to ten months wanting a few days. That he entered a second time in the spy service at one dollar per day and May 1781 under Captain Gllilliam Johnson [sic, Gilliam Johnson] and served as a spy on the Cherokee Indians -- served at Warfords Station Turkey Cove, North Carolina -- Entered for six months, and served out the time and was discharged at Warfords Station. 6th That he got a discharge from Captain Johnson which he has since lost -- that he received no discharge from the militia service. 7th That Joseph Evans, Esquire, Reverend Daniel St. John's, James Patterson,

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Judge Charles Test, Rush County Indiana and William Gillen are acquainted with me and can testify as to my character for veracity and the reputation of my service. That he has no documentary evidence of service. He hereby relinquishes every claim to 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.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Burchfield

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Burchfield". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes. The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

S/ Robert John, Clerk P.C.F. C.

[Daniel St. John's, a clergyman, and Joseph Evans gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: on November 4, 1851, in Dearborn County Indiana Mary Burchfield, 52, filed a claim in which he states she is the widow of John Burchfield "deceased who was first a private then a Sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Henry C. Guess (or Guest) in the 28th Regiment of regulars commanded by Colonel Thomas Dyrwens in the war of 1812. P 39 and 41 are the veteran's discharges from the service during the War of 1812.]

[p 44: on November 7, 1851 in Fayette County Indiana, Rebeckar Ward gave an affidavit in support of the application of Mary Burchfield whom she describes as a resident of Hamilton County Ohio; that she is the sister of Mary Burchfield; that their father's name was James Patterson who lived in Bourbon County Kentucky in the latter part of the year 1815; that she recalls the marriage of John Burchfield to her sister Mary Patterson; that they removed to Bracken County Kentucky shortly after their marriage; that in 1823 they removed to Fayette County Indiana, then to Rush and then to Franklin County in Indiana.]

[p 8: on November 7, 1856, in Marion County Indiana, Mary Burchfield, 59, filed an application stating she is the widow of John Burchfield a pensioner at the rate of \$52 per annum for his services in the revolution; that her husband died December 28, 1849 in Jefferson County Indiana having previously moved from Hamilton County Ohio where he lived about two years then to Ripley County Indiana and then to Jefferson County Indiana; that she married him in Bourbon County Kentucky on or about the 22nd day of December 1815; that the original record of the births of her children has been destroyed that she has a copy which shows the birth of her first child on September 24, 1817; that she and her husband were married by Stephen Riddle a Baptist preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Patterson; that she remains his widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 10: On November 7, 1856 in Marion County Indiana Eliza Ann Brisbin, 38, gave an affidavit in support of the claim of her mother, Mary Burchfield, in which she states that she is the daughter of John and Mary Burchfield. She signed her affidavit with her mark. Eliza Ann is identified as being a resident of Ripley County Indiana but now on a visit in Marion County Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in 24 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]