

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isham Burks W9758

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State of Missouri } Ss

County of Boone }

On this 22nd day of June 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the Circuit of said County Isham Burk a resident in said County aged seventy or seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820; that he the said Isham Burks enlisted for the Term of Eighteen months in the year 1779 or 1780 (day not recollected) in the State of Virginia in the Company of Capt. Adam Wallace in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford and Lieutenant Col. Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until Colonel Bufords defeat at Hanging Rock South Carolina [Battle of Waxhaws 10 mi N of Hanging Rock, 29 May 1780], that he then returned to the State of Virginia and was attached to the troops commanded by Col. William Davis [sic: William Davies] and continued in Service untill two days before the time for which he had enlisted expired, and was then regularly discharged from Service in Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a Pension. that he never knew until recently that those who enlisted for eighteen months were entitled to pensions and until recently I have been enabled to support myself and family by my labours. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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; One mare, one three year old colt, one d[itt]o two years old, two cows 1 calf 1 2 year old, one one year old, one Sow and twenty one pigs and shoats, one course drawing[?] table, 11 Chairs, one plow, two sets of gears, two axes, two hoes, one saw, two drawing knives, two augars and five gimblets eight chisels, four gouges, one coopers jointer[?] and crows[?] and compasses, Four boses[?], 9 or ten plates two dishes, five glass tumblers, four glass Bottles, one set of cups and saucers, two pitchers, three crocks, three water dipers, and one churn, two pots and skillet, shovel & tongs, one flat Iron, 8 knives and forks, one tin bucket, one pan, one salt seller, one pepper box, one tin sugar box, two old trunks, one looking glass, one suggar bowl, one cream jug two razors, strop & box, one big wheel, one reel, one pair of cards, one pot rack, and two pair hooks, one frow and wood file, three small handsaw files, one padlock and one [illegible word] hammer, one bible Testament & hymn book, two volumes Westleys [sic: Wesley's] notes on the Testament & Woods' dictionary on the Bible in 2 Volumes, and one debt of five or six hundred dollars due and owing to me from one Thomas Emmerson of Cumberland County State of Kentucky who is hopelessly insolvent
Isham Burks sen'r.

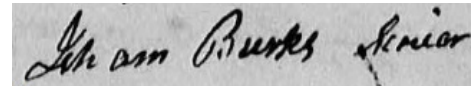
That since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property
On or about that time I was possed of seven head of horses and mares, a good waggon and gear, between three & 4 hundred dollars in bank Bills, five feather beds, and furniture, five good Cows, household and kitchen furniture the amount and description not precisely recollected, And one thousand dollars owing me by said Emmerson, I do not recollect the different changes which have taken place and can only say

that it is all gone out of my possion except two feather beds and some few articles of small value. My occupation is coopering and turning and chair making but afflicted with disease and visited with the infirmities of old age, I am seldom able to work at either, My family is composed of the following members, my wife Elizabeth Burks, who is about 65 or sixty six years old the 14th day of January or February last, and crippled in her right hand, James Payne Burks my youngest child 21 years old in may last, and Nancy Sexton my Granddaughter who is hired for me by my son in law

Isham Burks Sen'r.

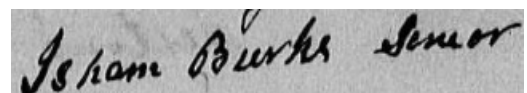
State of Missouri Boon County August the 29th day 1829

In addition to a former dicekleration made By Isham senior Before the Circuit Court for Boon County State afore said on the 22 day of June 1829 the said Isham Burks Sr Personally appeared Before John Slack a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid and after Being first duly sownr saithe that in the year of 1818 or 1819 that he Left Burksville Cumberland County Kentucky State in the month of March in order to move to the Black warer with about 31 Children and grand children that By the time they had Reached Franklin County in West Tennesy that he found that he had Incured a Concidrabe Expenxe in travling he Concluded to stop for a season which he did and Raised a Crop and owing to the high Price of grane and other nessaries that by the fall of the said year he had Nearly Expended all his money that him and his Children Moved into what was cald Jacksons Purchase in the upper End of the State of Allabama and that when he left Tennese that he had only seventeen dollars left of the money Brought from Cumberland County and there he found that Corn and Meat and Salt higher in price than In Tennesa and was Compeld to Contract a Concidrable debt in order to keep his family from Sufring at Lenth he sent his Eldest Son Charles Burks to Kentucky to Collect money from Thomas Emmerson who owed him \$1000 in two Bonds of \$500 Each But he could not git one Cent from him that the said Charles Burks Bartred [bartered] of one Bond to Peter Simmerman for dry goods for 500 dollars and give 20 percentum on the goods above their selling price that the proceds of the said goods went to pay his debts and suport his children – that since that time 1818 he has lost by death and thieves Eight good head of horses and mares and six good milk cows and after he lost his horses He sold his wagon and hind gear to John Burks was to Receive or 100 [preceding beginning with “was” unclear] and shortly after he was murdered and his Estate not sufficient to pay his debts he Lost his wagon also and this deponat Farther saith three years a go in November last that he started from Jackson County State of Allabama to move to Boon County State of Missouri in a two horse state with his son in law george Sexton and his wife and that he Brought all his property in the state and four persons in the stage a distance of 6 or 7 hundred miles and that he only had twelve dollars and seventy five Cents to Bare his Expences and that since living in Boon the most of his wants have ben suplyed by a tender son in law and daughter and this deponant saith that he is past Labouring so as to mintain him self – and this deponant Farther saith no more



Missouri State Boon County September the first 1829

Honored Sir agreeable to this Leter of Instruction I have precured the affidavet of four Respectable men in suport of my former decleration be fore the Court and my aditionnal affidavit hearewith Inclosed if any other Information is Nesary I Refer you to Mr george Sexton the Barer of these papers and is well aquainted with me and my Curcumstance for the last thirty years one Remark I shall state my money and property have not been Expended for speritous drink or surpelous Raments I fear god and Love my Cuntry and its Laws I am sir yours with due Respect



NOTE: On 22 April 1841 Elizabeth Burks, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married Isham Burks in the spring of 1778, and he died 22 Aug 1839. She stated that besides his service in the Continental army described in his application, he also served in the militia of Virginia. On 14 May 1841 John Rowland stated before George H. Sexton, a Justice of the Peace, that he believed Isham Burks had been at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC (15 Mar 1781). As proof of marriage Elizabeth Burks submitted an original family record taken from a Bible and transcribed below.

BIRTHS.

Jane Gilliland the daughter of James & Elizabeth Gilliland was born the aprile the 12th 1817

Sally Gilliland the daughter of James and Elizabeth Gilliland was born August the 27th 1822

[The following six entries were certified by George Sexton as being in the handwriting of Isham Burks:]

The ages of the Children of Isham & Eliz Burks

Isham Burks son of John and Sarah was Born 1759

Elizabeth Rawland Now Elizabeth Burks was Born January the 14 1764

Charles Burks Son of J& E was Born october the 11 - 1780

Sally Burks was Born July the 15 - 1782

Betsey Burks was Born February the 27 - 1786

DEATHS.

Lidia Gilliland the douter of Jane [sic] & Elizabeth Gilliland was born mach the 1[?]th 1808 died June the 17th 18[??]

James Gilliland was born 17th of Jany 1774 died Sunday the 22^d September 1822[?]

Elizabeth Gilliland died the 10th of Oct 1822

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Births

Robert Rawland Burks Born May the 6 - 1789. died the 20 of december 1791

Nancy Burks was Born July the 23 - 1791.

Isham Burks Jr was born the 8 of November 1794

John Burks was born July the 21 - 1797.

William Burks was born September the 28 - 1800

Mahala Burks was born december the 3 - 1802

Wesley Burks was born May the 27 - 1806

James Pane Burkes was born May the 29 - 1808

Isham Burks Fletcher was born June the 3 - 1809

Wilson Lee Fletcher was Born July the 18 - 1811

Salley Fletcher Born the october the 11 18 - 1813

DEATHS

John Burks was Murdered by George Beauly the 23 day of July 1822 and was Buried the 24 in the Midst of weeping friends and Neighbors

Sarah Simpson Mother of John Rawland and Elizabeth Burks departed from this life on the 28 of January 1829 about fifteen minutes after twelve oClock aged Between 80 and Ninty years

Nancy Maho formerly Nancy Sexton departed from this Life on Wensday the 18 of November 1830 a bout Mid day aged 22 – 2 month 10 days[?]

November the 20 1830 deceast Last Night the 19 of Instant the youngest son and Child of Rawland and Mahala Frost