

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Burton S39262

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State of Tennessee Humphreys County: Circuit Court March Term 1822

On this 20th day of March in the year 1822 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record declared by the laws of the said State, for the Circuit of Humphreys County aforesaid, Henry Burton aged about Sixty three years of age resident of the said County of Humphreys, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: he first entered the service for a tour of three months in the year 1777 in Virginia under the command of Captain Peter Rogers, and performed principally at Portsmouth, Hampton and Norfolk. The next year about the first of May 1778 he entered the regular Service for nine months in the company commanded by one Captain Robert Moore in the State of North Carolina and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Lyttle [sic, probably Archibald Lytle], and remained in the service until 1779 making nine months, when he received his discharge in August of the same year and signed by Major John Armstrong. This affiant further states that he now encloses to the honorable the Secretary of War the said discharge, as the only evidence of his Service in his power to procure, which he solemnly avers he is a genuine paper, and has never been out of his possession. During the period of this service he was in the skirmish at Zublely Ferry<sup>1</sup> on the Savannah River. He also was at the battle at Stono [June 20, 1779]<sup>2</sup> in South Carolina and was then a Sergeant, and ordered on that day to attend on the hospital wagons, he thinks that this engagement took place in either in the month of June or July 1779. After his discharge he entered the service as a volunteer in Captain Moses Fountain's company of Virginia, and commanded by General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. He was in the memorable battle of Camden in the State of South Carolina [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].<sup>3</sup> He was then attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richardson. Shortly after this period he attached himself to the Corps of Horse commanded by Colonel Richard Lee [sic, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], had the honor to belong to the said Corps when it brought on the battle of Guilford Court house. In this engagement he captured one of the enemy (a Hessian) and delivered him to Captain Campbell after the conflict was over.

And I the said Henry Burton do solemnly swear as aforesaid 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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

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<sup>1</sup> Possibly the action on January 1, 1779: [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_zubly\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_zubly_ferry.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

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:

The following is the Schedule, that is to say:

50 Acres of poor Land on which he now lives worth about one dollar per acre	\$50.00
2 cows & 2 yearlings calves \$30, one 3-year old steer \$8.00	38.00
1 old mare \$30; one sow & 8 shoats \$6	36.00
2 old cabins in which he now lives about 16 feet square worth about	10.00
1 Feather Bed & furniture \$15 3 Pots \$1.50	16.50
3 knives & spoons \$1.00 two old pots \$3	4.00
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	\$144.50
	\$129.50

S/ H. Burton

This affiant further states that he is a farmer by occupation he has 3 in family, to wit Kiziah his wife about fifty-nine years of age, and who is now infirm and unable to work, two daughters, one named Patsey nearly eighteen years of age, the other named Charlotte between fourteen and fifteen years of age, who are of some little service to their parents, but it is quite uncertain how long they shall remain with them. Your affiant therefore states that he considers himself in such indigent circumstances as to be unable in any short period to support himself, without the assistance of his Country. This affiant further prays this honorable court to be permitted to make his certificate of discharge, part of the record of this application, least the same may be lost or mislaid, which is in the following words & figures, that is to say:

"Richard Burton a soldier, having completed his term of service of nine months in the fourth Battalion, agreeable to act of Assembly, he is hereby discharged, and is entitled to all the privileges specified in the act of Assembly, for completing the Continental Battalions of North Carolina.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of August 1779  
See Book A p. 534

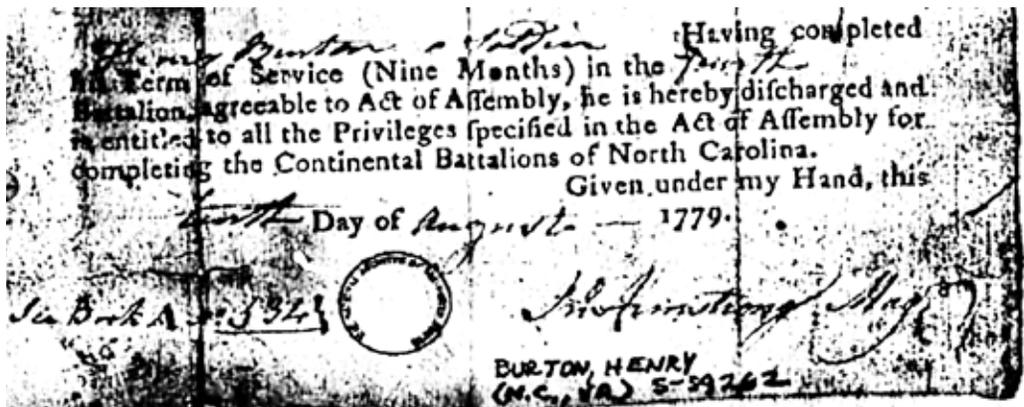
S/ John Armstrong, Major"

All of which is respectfully submitted by your affiant and he is in duty bound will be content &c

S/ H. Burton

Since the application your affiant made twelve months ago his eldest daughter Patsey has married and left him.

S/ H. Burton



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1822, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia and NC Continental line.]