State Pension Application of Matthew Burk VAS39  
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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia:]

Agreeable to an order of Berkeley Court to me Directed I have proceeded to examin Matthew Burk a Con’tl [Continental] Soldier who stands upon the List of Pensioners and finds that he has been shot through the Body. I am of opinion that the weakness produced by the wound renders him unable to procure a living by hard labour, and that he is a proper object to stand upon the List of Pensioners, Given under my hand this.
20th February 1787 Charles [last name illegible] Surg’t.

May the 8th 1787 Please to deliver my pension Warrant to Mr. Smith Slaughter & his receipt shall be good against me Matthew hisXmark Burk

I do hereby Certify that Mathew Burk a Soldier in the 4th Virginia Regiment, was wounded in his shoulder in the Battle of Trenton in the year 1777 [sic: 26 Dec 1776]. And always behaved himself as a good Soldier, and it is my Opinion in Entitled to the State’s Bounty in such Cases.
  Given under my hand this 19th July 1787
  William Cherry/ late Cap’n. 4th Virg’a. Reg’t.

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Matthew Burk aged about [blank] years, late a private in the 4th Virg’a. Regim’t. whose pay was at the rate of £24 pr annum, was wounded in the Service of the United States and that he is allowed the sum of £12 yearly to commence from the first day of January 1786.
Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richm’d. the 22d. day of October 1787.
T. Meriwether Edm. Randolph

Rec’d of John Slaughter Deputy Sheriff of Berkeley County Thirty Eight pounds the am’t. of my Pension from the first of January 1786 to the fourth of March 1789. Mathew hisXmark Burk