

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Amburgey R174

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State of Kentucky, Letcher County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County, Elizabeth Amburgey (sometimes called Burgey) a resident of Letcher County State of Kentucky, aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836.

That she is the widow of John Amburgey (or Burgey) who was a volunteer in the Revolutionary war. That he entered the service in the year 1779 and that he served until the year 1781. That he entered the service of the United States under Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and Captain Larkin Cleveland. That he was in the battle of King's Mountain when Ferguson was taken, that he was a resident of Wilkes County State of North Carolina when he entered service and that he received his discharge but don't know what has become of it. That he was present when Col. Cleveland hung nine Tories at one time on Little Pedee [River]. That he saw all Jackson Goss hung on old Captain John Cox's gate on this side of the Blue Ridge. That she was married to John Burgey or Amburgey on the third of July 1787. That she was born in the [year] 1769, and that her husband was born 1758, and that the aforesaid John Amburgey (or Burgey) died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1831 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will appear more fully by the proof annexed. That she herewith files the family record of her husband, and the same is in her husband's in writing.

S/ Elizabeth Ambergey [sic], X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year before written before me a Justice of the peace of Letcher County Kentucky, That she is childless and helpless – Elizabeth and her family is in the highest respect.

S/ John Mullins, JPLC

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On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1853 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Elizabeth Amburgey alias Burgey aged about Eighty six or Eighty seven years eight Resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of John Amburgey who was a private in the Company Commanded by Captain \_\_ [blank in original] in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] at the battle of Kings Mountain and the Revolutionary War. She further states that she was married to the said John Amburgey alias Burgey on the third day of July 1787 by aut. [sic] William Hammond and that her name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Harman that her said husband died at Perry County Kentucky on the third day of May 1831 and that she is still a widow. She makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled to under the act approved the 3 March 1855.

S/ Elizabeth Amburgey

[Bible record—1804 edition published in Edinburgh]

John Amburgey and Elizabeth harmon was Married on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1787

William Amburgey Was born September the 11<sup>th</sup> 1788 on thursday about light

Nancy Amburgey Was born March the 14<sup>th</sup> 1790 on Sunday

Ambrose Amburgey Was born february the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of friday 1792

John Amburgey Was born January the 20<sup>th</sup> day on Munday 1794

[next 2 lines are very faint; the legible words appear to be “Ezekiel [Amburgey?] ? ? ? day 1805.” It appears someone tried to erase this entry. In a letter dated Nov. 15, 1934, the War Department

interpreted this entry at “Elizabeth Amburgey born July 1805 (day of the month illegible.”]  
Rose Amburgey Was born November the 17<sup>th</sup> day on tuesday About the Middle of the day 1795  
Robin Amburgey Was born March the 27<sup>th</sup> day on tuesday 1798  
Umphry Amburgey Was born february the 16<sup>th</sup> day on Sunday 1800  
Jesse Amburgey Was born April the 26<sup>th</sup> 1802 on Munday middle of the day  
Wilburn Amburgey Was born the 10<sup>th</sup> day of february on thirdsday About Midnight 1804  
Betsy Amburgey Was born the 7<sup>th</sup> of June about the middle of the day on Saterdag 1806  
Polly [could be Jolly] Amburgey Was born the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July [could be June—written over] 1808 on  
Wensday about Midnight

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Ambrose Amburgey and William Amburgey states upon oath that the family record of their father John Amburgey (commonly called Burgey) herewith annexed has been in the family so far back as they can recollect. That there has been no record of their mother's or father's age Kept and one of the children is not down on this record. Her name is Queentwenny [?] Amburgey-- was born the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1811. That she is the youngest child of the family.

That my father has claimed to have been out in the Revolutionary war, that he served part of his time under Larkin Cleveland as Captain and Benjamin Cleveland Colonel. That he was in the battle of Kings Mountain, That we have heard him often speak of Charles Gordon as Captain and Witherspoon also heard him speak of Col. Allen Colonel Martin Shelby & Colonel Sevier. We are not able to say how long he claimed to have been out, but he claimed to have been out five or six trips. That his service was confined the most of his time in search of the Indians and Tories, That he saw nine Tories hung one night and Joshua Ballden run [?], he being a Tory. That he saw Jack or John Gooss hung at Captain John Cox's gate this side of the Blue Ridge.

That we understood from him that he was after the Indians and Tories to Highwassee [sic, Hiwassee] River, a branch of the Tennessee River.

That their father died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1831 and their mother Elizabeth Amburgey has remained single ever since that period that she has almost lost her reason being so infirm, and it would be impossible to remove her any distance, unless she was taken in a carriage or some other vehicle of that kind. That it is 17 miles to the County seat of this County.

That he has claimed to have been a soldier of the Revolutionary war ever since they can recollect, and is so reputed in this County.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1853.

S/ Ambros Amburgey

S/ William Amburgey