

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Frederick Burkett (Burket) S3102

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[The pages in this file as copied by Footnote.com have been badly scrambled; what follows is given in the order in which I think the pages should appear.]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828 I Frederick Burket of the County of Greene and State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until the termination for which period I was a private in Capt. Smith's company commanded by Col. Morfett [sic, Moffett?] in the Regiment from Staunton Virginia, this declarant is upwards of 78 or 9 years of age he was Out [?] with a Sword at the battle of Guilford and was in several battles which he had his discharge for and has lost it his memory is bad being old and infirm cannot recollect the Regiment to which he belonged he also declares that he afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80 to which he was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed 15th May 1778 and further declares that he was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand & seal this 3rd day of March 1829

Sworn & subscribed to this 3rd of March 1829

S/ John G. Stout, JP

S/ Frederick Burket, X his mark

rec'd 16 June 1829

Under the Act entitled an act for the relief of the Surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828

Before me Robert Maloney a Justice of the Peace in the County of Greene and State of Tennessee personally appeared Charles Dyke¹ 70 years of age -- and made oath that Frederick Burket who has applied for a pension under the above mentioned act did serve in Capt. Smith's Company of Augusta State of Virginia And that he enlisted for and during the war and continued in the service until its termination and that the said Burkett received toward the Close of the war a shot that wounded his head and that by excessive fatigue he became an invalid and remained so some years after and now is very poor and has no body to do the best thing for him but his wife who is something like 70 years of age.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd June 1829

S/ R. Maloney, JP

S/ Charles Dyke, X his mark

State of Tennessee Greene County

On this 10th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me John Balch one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Frederick Burkett a resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on

¹ FPA S1950

his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated to wit that in the year 1777 he was enrolled as a volunteer under Col. Moffet in Capt. Smith's Company in the Virginia Militia for the term of 3 months that he entered said Service in Augusta County Virginia and joined the Main Army at Stantown [sic, Stanton or Staunton?] & was marched under the command of Col. Moffett and Capt. Smith through Virginia by way of the high rock Ford to Guilford [sic, Guilford] North Carolina where he was in the Battle of Guilford² and was severely wounded in the neck & continued in said Service until March in the same year when he was discharged by Capt. Smith at or near the high rock Ford he further declares that he was previously enrolled as a Soldier for a tour of duty in the County of Augusta State of Virginia under Capt. Bohannon & Capt. Wall [?] & was marched by way of the big Savannah to Green brier & served 3 months and was discharged in Augusta County Virginia he further states that he served 3 months to the Battle of Germantown was marched through Resel town [sic] Virginia he further states that he served a 3 months to the Albemarle Barracks as a guard to guard the prisoners he further states that he served 3 months tour to Bluford's defeat [sic, Buford's Defeat] he further states that by reason of old age & loss of memory & at this time almost death he is unable to give proper information in regard to his officers whom he served under -- having served in the whole the term of one year & 3 months that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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

Questions by the Justice

1. Where & in what year was you born --

Answer -- in the year 1752

2. Have you any record of your age

Answer -- I have not

3. Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer -- I. lived in Augusta County Virginia when I was called into service & have lived in Tennessee since the war & I lived at this time in the County of Greene Tennessee

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute
Answer I volunteered to the Guilford battle & the other 4 tours I was drafted

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service

Answer General Greene was the commander in Chief at the battle of Guilford & any of the other officers I cannot recollect at this time

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what became of it

Answer I never did receive a discharge in writing

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior your services as a soldier of the Revolution. He further states he is unable to attend the court from bodily infirmity in order to have his claim there made out

² March 15, 1781.

sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test.

S/ John Balch, JP

S/ [completely illegible signature]

[Wilkins Kirkpatrick, a clergyman, and Vincent Jackson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Magistrates Office 10th July 1834

On this 10th day of July 1834 personally appeared before me Jesse Creech one of the acting The justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Frederick Burket a resident of Greene County Tennessee aged 83 years old next August, 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 the 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated: This Applicant states that he was born in Philadelphia County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 15th day of August 1750, that he has no record of his age, nor was there ever one as he knows of, but he recollects that his parents told him about his age which is as above stated. This Applicant further states that he was living in Augusta County State of Virginia when he first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Capt. David Bell in the year 1776 at months he does not remember that they were called out by the United States to march against the Indians, who were harassing the frontiers. That the company rendezvoused at the house of Capt. Bell, and from there were marched to Green Briar & from thence across the mountains, that they remained among the Mountains for some time without being stationed at any particular place that he is unable to state further particulars of his service, neither can he name the rest of his officers, it having been so long & he now being so old & nearly deprived of his recollection of these times, but about the time he entered the service & the length of time he served he is not mistaken for he calculates the time he entered the service by the age of his first child, & he is certain that the Term took 3 months the time for which the volunteers were called out. That from this expedition they returned home & were dismissed from the service without receiving a written discharge.

This Applicant further states that he again entered the service as a volunteer in the year 1780 or 81 the month he does not remember under Capt. Smith & Lieut. Christy & Col. Monford commanded the Regiment that the company to which this Applicant belonged rendezvoused at Santon [sic, Staunton?] & from thence the Regiment was marched across Lytle Deep River & Dan River & the High rock Ford & on to Guilford way her under the command of General Greene they fought the Battle of Guilford in which battle he was wounded in the neck by a Musket Ball, from the Battle of Guilford they marched to the Troublesome Iron works & from thence home that he never received a written discharge from the service. This Applicant further states that this Term of service lasted 3 months. This Applicant further states that his father was named Frederick Burket & served before the revolutionary War against the Indians, but that all his service was during the Revolutionary War. This Applicant further states that he hired substitutes for the term of 18 months during the war for which he is advised he cannot draw. This Applicant further states that he is now 83 years old or nearly so, & that he is very infirm on account of which he is unable to attend Court & his memory is very much impaired so that he is unable to relate a great many circumstances of his services, & has forgotten some of his Officers, but as to the length of his services he can recollect which is not less than above stated making in all 6 months & for such service he claims a pension. He further states that he cannot name any regular or Continental forces in the service with him. This Applicant further states that he has no

documentary evidence of his services. He further states that the reason he applied in Hawkins County is that he lives near the line & that the nearest Magistrate to him lived in Hawkins & he is unable to go far & that he is as well known in Hawkins & Greene County. This Applicant further states that he never received a Commission. He further states that he has lived since the Revolutionary War in Virginia & Tennessee & does now live & has lived in Tennessee for the last 25 years. This Applicant further states that there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood & that he knows of no one now living by whom he can prove his services but that he is well known in his present neighborhood to William Keel and John Roden -- who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services during the Revolutionary War. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jesse Creech, JP

S/ Frederick Burket, X his mark

[William Keel and John Roden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]