

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Burke S37801

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Virginia }  
Culpeper County towit }

On the 20th day of July 1818 personally appeared William Burke before County Court of the said County of Culpeper, aged 67 years resident in the said county of Culpeper who being first duly sworn in open court according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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. That the said William Burke some time in the year 1776 enlisted for three years at the County of Culpeper in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Gillowson [sic: John Gillison] of the 10th Virginia Regiment on continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corpse or in the service of the united states until after the american Revolution was over – he having since the year 1776 enlisted again under said Capt. John Gillowson for the war. That he was discharged in said County of Culpeper. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Campden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], and was at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] in a reserved corpse not engaged in the Battle. that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and having lost his discharges he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

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On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record established by an act of the general Assembly of Virginia for the said County, William Burke aged about sixty nine years resident in the said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he hath served in the Revolutionary war as follows that is to say that he was enlisted in Captain Gillasons Company 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in Continental line under Colo. [Edward] Stevens and remained in service five or six years and in the course of that time he was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth & Camden where he was wounded. Also at the Battle of Guilford but not engaged – that he hath heretofore made a declaration in conformity with the law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that his name is inscribed as a private in the army of the Revolution on the pension list Roll of the Virginia agency at the rate of \$8 per month to commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818 as will more fully appear by his pension Certificate bearing date the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1819 and signed by J L Edwards esq'r in the absence and in behalf of the Secretary at war, with the seal of the state thereto affixed the number of which said Certificate Appears to be 11781 payable semiannually on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September at the branch Bank of the United States in Richmond Virginia

And the said William Burke further solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

I William Burke being first duly sworn do declare the following to be a true list of my property towit

One set of Shoemakers tools 6/[?] & nothing more except my wearing apparel.

And I do further declare that I have no family – that I am aged and infirm being about 69 years old and do a little work at shoemaking but owing to a partial failure of my eye sight make but a poor hand at it.

William hisXmark Burke