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Pension Application of Nathaniel Burwell W18681

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Virginia At a Court continued and held at the court house for the County of Botetourt on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1837.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the County Court of Botetourt County Martha Burwell a resident of the said County aged Eighty years and three months 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 the 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1837 that she was married to Nathaniel Burwell who was a Captain of the Virginia Artillery during the Revolutionary War. that the said Nathaniel Burwell entered into the service of the United States on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1775. and that he continued in the said service until the close of the War. that he was attached to the Corps of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison and Lieutenant Colonel Edward Carrington. That he served as the Capture of the Hessians [probably Battle of Trenton, 26 Dec 1776] and also at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. that at the Siege of York the said Captain Nathaniel Burwell acted as the aid of General Thomas Nelson. She further declares that she was married to the said Nathaniel Burwell on the 5th day of March 1780 and that her husband the aforesaid Nathaniel Burwell died on the thirtieth day of March 1802 that she has not married since, that she was a widow on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof which will accompany this declaration Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year above Written

Martha Burwell

I do certify that Capt. Nathaniel Burwell entered in the service the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1775 & continued as such till the 1<sup>st</sup> of January last, when he was arranged a Supernumerary. Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> 1783 [sic].

Daniel Morgan/ Brig. Gen'l.

[Copy certified on 19 June 1837.]

[The following two affidavits were made in Louisa County VA:]

I do hereby certify that Mrs Martha Burwell (my sister) formerly of King William County but now of Bottetourt County was married to Capt. Nathaniel Burwell in march one thousand seven hundred eighty given from under my hand & seal this 12 day of August 1837. [signed] Elizabeth Nicolson

I do hereby certify that Mrs Martha Burwell (my Sister) was married to Capt. Nathaniel Burwell in March one thousand seven hundred & eighty. Capt Burwell was a most efficient Officer in the revolutionary army. Given from under my hand & seal this 12 of august 1837.

[signed] Dudley Digges jr [pension application S8328]

NOTE: The file contains a letter to Col. Thomas N. Burwell of Fincastle VA from his uncle, Dudley Digges Jr. A note by Thomas N. Burwell states that Martha Burwell was his mother.