

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah Burns W2063

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Commonwealth of Kentucky } Sct  
Greenup County }

This day (July 28th 1818) came personally Jeremiah Burns, a Citizen of the U States, aged sixty six years, before me a Circuit Judge of the State afs'd, and made the following Declaration in order to obtain the Pension allowed by Law, to the Soldiers of the Continental army – to wit – That he is now a resident in the County of Greenup, and that he Enlisted for three years at Bedford County Virginia, on the [blank] day of June 1776 in Capt George Lamberts [George Lambert, pension application S8810] Company, commanded by Col George Mathus [sic: George Mathews], and Gen'l Green [possibly Col. John Green or Gen. Nathanael Greene], in the Continental Service it being the 14th Virginia Regiment afterwards consolidated into the 7<sup>th</sup> – and that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the U States against the Common Enemy, untill the expiration of his Enlistment, and then without taking a discharge Enlisted again, without taking any bounty, and continued in the army under Gen'l Green, untill August 1782, when he was marched to the Seige of York [sic: Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and that he served in the Siege, and was soon after the Seige discharged at Williamsburg Virginia by Col Ross. That he was in the Battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and that he is now in reduced circumstances, and in consequence thereon is compelled to ask for the Pension allowed by Law. That he has lost his discharge and has no evidence in this state of his services & discharge other than his own oath.

District of Kentucky Greenup County & Circuit Sct.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record made so by statute for the said circuit and county aforesaid Jeremiah Burns aged 69 years in October next resident in Greenup aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; that he served in the Company regiment and line as set forth in his original Declaration and as stated in the Certificate now sent. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Jeremiah Burns

Jeremiah Burns states that he has no lands nor negroes, and that the following is his personal estate

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| Towit, 3 Cows & 5 Calfs worth                     | \$38.00     |
| 1 Horse beast worth                               | 30.00       |
| 1 Rifle gun old worth                             | 10.00       |
| 11 Head Sheap & lambs, Ditto                      | 17.00       |
| 3 Hogs worth                                      | 5.00        |
| Knives & forks plates & Dishes D'o.               | 3.00        |
| 1 old Table & 3 Chairs worth                      | 1.00        |
| 1 Stone Kettle 1 Little Oven<br>and Skillet Ditto | <u>2.50</u> |
|   | \$106.50    |

This is all his property except bedding and furniture. He says he has a wife 50 years old and very infirm, 6 children living with him 3 Sons, 11 Years 9 yrs. 27 years of age 3 Daughters 16, 14 & 15 years of of age, he says he is not able to do a days work the rim of his belly having been broke and is by occupation a Farmer  
Jeremiah Burns

NOTE: On 19 Aug 1850 Elizabeth Burns, 79, of Lawrence County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Jeremiah Burns on 20 March 1793, and he died 24 Oct 1824. George F. Hatcher exhibited in court a family record of Jeremiah Burns said to be "dim and very imperfect" but showing that he and Elizabeth Burns were married on 20 March 1793. The file includes the following extract from a list of marriages solemnized by John Wyatt in Franklin County VA: "Jeremiah Burns & Riz'a. Rowland 20 March 1794." If this latter date was correct, then Elizabeth Burns would not have been eligible for a pension under the act by which she first applied, which specified that the marriage must have been before 1 Jan 1794. On 11 May 1853 Elizabeth Burns applied for an increase in pension, stating that Jeremiah Burns had been an artillery soldier. This is probably an error arising from the State Auditor certifying that a soldier named Jeremiah Burns settled his account for service as an artilleryman. On 27 March 1856 Elizabeth Burns applied for bounty land, adding that her name before marriage was "Elizabeth Roland," and that John Wyatt was a Methodist preacher.