

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Burch W26976                      Judah Burch    NC  
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State of North Carolina }            S.S.  
                                  }            On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1845 personally appeared before the  
                                  }            undersigned one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for the said County of Surry, Judah Burch a  
                                  }            resident of the said county & State aged Eighty four (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 acts of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 & July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of the late William Burch Decd. that lived in Surry County N. Carolina This Declarant alledges that her Decd. Husband the said William Burch was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he lived in Surry County N Carolina in time of the Revolutionary War, and served in the N. Carolina Militia in the said war of the Revolution about twelve months or more, and she is under the impression that he was a corporal in the services that she has frequently heard her Decd husband the said William Burch talk with Persons who served with him in the war but they are dead, that there was one William Jennings who served with her husband in the war of the Revolution but she does not know what has become of the said Jennings, and she is of the opinion that one Daniel Cockerham who was a United States Pensioner [application S8240] residing in Surry County N Carolina was with her husband in the service and the said Daniel Cockerham is dead [sic: see below]. Owing therefore to removals & deaths this Declarant is deprived of much testimony which might be essential in presenting his claim and must submit to whatever evidence can be made that her husband the said William Burch frequently in his life time said he was entitled to a Pension, & his neighbors and friends insisted that he should present his claim to the government, but he being in comfortable circumstances said he could live without a Pension, had he at that time presented his claim his services could have established quite easily This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath that her husband the said William Burch had several Discharges which he received when his different tours of duty ended but they are lost.

She also declares that she was married to the said William Burch at her Fathers house in Surry County N. Carolina in the year of seventeen hundred & Eighty one (1781) in the same year that Cornwallis surrendered, that after she & the said William Burch were married he was drafted for a three months tour of duty which he served southward on horse back; that she has caused a search to be made in the Clerks office for her husband's the said William Burch's marriage license Bond which bond cannot be found. that she had a Family Record which shewed the births of her Children but the said Record has been destroyed That her Oldest Child Mary Burch was born in the month of February in the year of seventeen hundred Eighty two (1782) That her husband the said William Burch died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January Eighteen hundred & forty four (1844) that she has not married since the death of the said William Burch but still remains his Widow &c.

Judah herXmark Burch

State of North Carolina }  
                                  }            On this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1845 Personally appeared before me Daniel  
                                  }            Jervis One of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for the said County of Surry, Susanna Willbern a  
                                  }            resident of the said County & State aged seventy seven (77) years who being first duly sworn according to  
                                  }            Law doth on her oath make the following Statements, to wit; That she was present and witnessed the  
                                  }            solemnization of the rites of Matrimony between the late William Burch Decd & Judah Winfrey (now  
                                  }            Judah Burch) that the said William & Judah Burch were married at the said Judah Burch's Father's house  
                                  }            Viz: (Isaac Winfrey's) near the Close of the Revolutionary war about the year of seventeen hundred &  
                                  }            Eighty one (1781) as near as this deponent can at this time recollect

That she remembers in time of the Revolutionary War that the said William Burch left home several times to serve in the War; and she believes that the said William Burch left home once after he and

the said Judah Burch were married, that she has frequently heard the said William Burch speak of his service in the war; and she heard him say he was at the battle fought at King's Mountain [SC, 7 Oct 1780], and she is unable to tell the length of time the said William Burch served in the War, that she has lived a neighbor to the said William & Judah Burch ever since the revolution War;

[signed] Susanna Willbern

[On 9 June 1845 Miner Marsh, 80, made a similar statement.]

State of North Carolina }  
Surry County }

On this the 25th of October 1845 Personally appeared Before me Daniel Jervis one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County, Judah Burch a resident of said County aged 84 years and on her oath makes the following Declaration in addition to one made in June last in application for Pension that she is the widow of William Burch Decd. that died in Surry County N. Carolina in time of the Revolutionary War, and who was a Soldier in the war. She declares that to the best of her knowledge & belief her Husband the sd William Burch was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the North Carolina Militia and served three or four tours in said War, but she is unable to say how long said tours were except one tour which he served after she and he were married which was a three months tour and he served two or three tours before she and he were married which she thinks was not for a shorter Period that three months Each and is of the opinion that her Husband the said William Burch did render twelve months service or more in all that he served in behalf of his country in the war of the Revolution, and that he was a corporal and served towards the latter Part of the war. that she does not know exact year when her Husband went in to service but the last tour he served was in the year (1781) seventeen hundred and Eighty one after she and he were married which was a drafted three months tour and she is under the belief that all of the above tours were drafted tours, that from old age and loss of memory she is unable to tell with any certainty who her Husbunds officers were. that she heard him say he was in two or three little Battles with the Enemy but she is unable to state them deffinately that the said William Burch served the last three months tour towards the south on horse Back; that she was married to the said William Burch at her Fathers House in Surry County North Carolina in the year of seventeen hundred and Eighty one in the same year that corn Wallis was taken at York that she had a Family Record which shewed the births of her children but it is destroyed that her oldest child Mary Burch was born in the month of February in the year of seventeen hundred and Eighty two that she has no old deeds or papers which would show the relationship Existing between her and her Husband the sd William Burch in old time and that she thinks it strange when she has at this late day now proved her marriage by two respectable persons who were present at her marriage and it is not satisfactory; that she is still the widow of the said William Burch Decd.

Judah herXmark Burch

State of North Carolina }  
Surry County }

On this 12th day of March 1846, Personally appeared before me John R Moody one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County David Cockerham a resident of said County aged Eight five years, & made oath in due form of Law Viz; That he was well acquainted with the late William Burch Decd who was the Husband of Judah Birch who is now his Widow: That in time of the Revolutionary War he was in the Public service of the United States one Millitia tour with the said William Birch, under the command of Captain Salethial Martin [Salathiel Martin W1044] & that after the marriage of said William & Judah Birch he Remembers that said William Birch was a tour in the Public service and that he has often heard him say that in said Tour he saw one Charles Lewis killed by the Tories

David hisXmark Cocerham

NOTES:

On 10 June 1845 Pleasant B. Roberts, 69, stated that he had heard William Burch say that at some

time during his service he was at Charleston SC.

In the file is a pension certificate issued on 17 Nov 1856 for eight months and eight days service William Burch as a Private. The file also contains a pension certificate payable to "Judith Burch" deceased in Georgia until 20 Sep 1848, the date of her death.

A document by the Clerk of Floyd County GA dated 5 Nov 1856 lists the surviving children of William and Judith Burch as follows: Mary East, wife of John East; Sarah Andrews, wife of Nathan Andrews; John W Burch; Thomas Burch; William W Burch; Charity Jones, widow of Samuel B Jones; Keziah Woodruff, wife of Samuel Woodruff.