## **Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Burwell (Burrell) Utley <sup>1</sup> W6336 Transcribed by Will Graves Jane Utley f73NC rev'd 7/2/17

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[p 17] March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1850

State of North Carolina, Wake County old Mr. Burrell or Burwell Utley a credible old Soldier of the Revolutionary war aged 87 Eighty Seven came before me this day the Undersigned an acting Justice of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for said County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law depose as follows to wit in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed 7 June 1832 for the Revolutionary Services rendered by him to wit that he was a Soldier of said Revolutionary war in the militia in the State of North Carolina for six months and upwards, in said State. The Declarant further declares that he served under Captain Wood he thinks his name was Solomon Wood (Colonel Sanders [Hardy Sanders]) and Lieutenant Britton Sanders and that his privates with him of whom he can recollect at this time was Hezekiah Utley, Britton Utley, Joe Lane, Martin Lane, one Suggs, Sam Patern, one Boles, Isaac Raisor, Billy Sebaston, Wiley Pope also one Trent besides many others at this time cannot recollect (the reason that declarant has not made a former application for a pension that he did not know or understand that none but the Regular Continental Soldiers were entitled to receive pensions and that his said Services were against the Tories in the latter part of the said Revolution War and that he marched through Cumberland County North Carolina, Wake and Chatham and also Johnson [sic, Johnston County] in said State he declares that he is confident that he served for more than six months, but well rely entirely upon the generosity of the war department and the proof he may be entitled to obtain at this date, his living in a very retired part of the County of Wake North Carolina and being confined in bed for the past two years and upwards he further declares that if he had of known that he was entitled to receive a pension for his said foregoing Services in the Militia he could of made ample and sufficient proof of his said Service he further declares that he believes that all of the said officers and soldiers named in his declaration are now dead – he further declares that he received an honorable Discharge for said Services which has been lost many years since all of which is respectfully submitted in hopes the war department will allow him what is Just & correct & in duty bound will ever pray he further States that he was in Service to the close of said war and in two tours of three months each tour. Subscribed and sworn to before me March 30, 1850.

S/ Burrel or Burwell Utley, X his mark

S/ Saml. P. Norris, JP

[p 5] State of North Carolina, Wake County

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BLWt35819-160-55

This day July 1, 1850 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County and State aforesaid to wit old Mr. John Utley a Credible Witness of said County aged Eighty-Three (83) who being first duly sworn according to law depose as follows to wit: that Burrell or Burwell Utley who made a declaration in the 30 day of March 1850 in order to obtain a pension is the Brother of this declarant who further states that he well recollects that his said Identical Brother Burrell Utley did serve in the War of the Revolution in the militia and against the Tories as stated by him in his said declaration and that he saw him when he started off and when he returned out of the Service & that he did serve six months. He further declares that he was under Captain Solomon Wood and served to the close of said War of the revolution and he is the Identical Soldier who performed the Identical alleged Service as stated by him on the 30 day of March 1850 before Sam Norris Esq. which declaration is here annexed.

Subscribed & sworn

S/ John Utley

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S/ James Adams, JP

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State of North Carolina Wake County

February 17, 1851 – Mr. Allen Utley aged 82 this day personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law depose on his said oath that he stood two drafts to serve in the War of the Revolution and was drawn clear each time and at which time was very intimately acquainted with Mr. Burrell Utley who is now living and applying for a pension for his Services in said War this affiant States on his said oath that to his certain knowledge the said Burrell Utley did Serve as a private as much as Six months to his personal knowledge – who is living in the County of Wake at a very advanced age and his said Services were in the militia of North Carolina under Captain Solomon Wood and Colonel Sanders and he never would apply until very lately for a pension.

S/Allen Utley

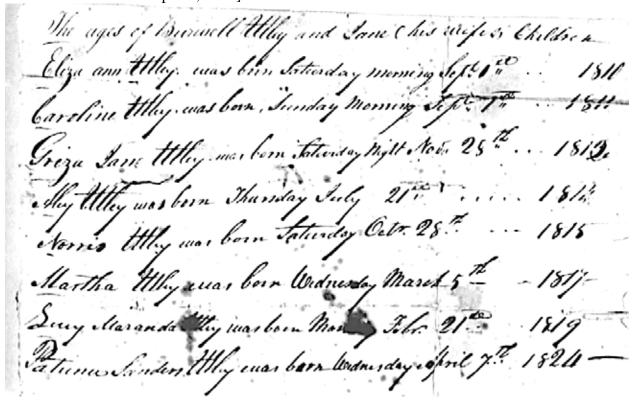
Allen Hlley

[p 8: Copy of a marriage bond given by Needham Norris and Burwell Utley for Utley's marriage to Jane Hail, dated September 19, 1809.]

[p 14: On July 30, 1853 in Wake County North Carolina, Jane Utley, 75, applied for a widow's pension as the widow of Burwell or Burrell Utley, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum who died in Wake County January 20, 1852; that she married him in Wake County North Carolina September 23, 1809; that her 1<sup>st</sup> born child was born September 1, 1810; that her name prior to her 1<sup>st</sup> marriage was Miss Jane Norris; that she 1<sup>st</sup> married Matthew Hail in 1793; he died in 1801; thin she married the veteran. She signed this document with her mark.

[p 11: On May 6, 1856, Jane Utley, aged 76?, applies in Wake County, NC for the bounty land due her as widow of Burwell Utley, whom she married in 1809, her maiden name being Jane Norris (and her name before her marriage to Utley being Jane Hail). She signed her application with her mark.]

[Burwell Utley died January 26, 1852.]
[children of Burwell and Jane Norris Utley: Eliza Ann born September 1, 1810
Caroline one September 1, 1811
Griza Jane born November 28, 1812
Aley born July 21, 1814
Norris born October 28, 1815
Martha born March 5, 1817
Lucy Maranda born they were 211819
Patience Sanders born April 7, 1824]



[p 45: Nat. Jones, 81, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina light dragoons. His widow was pensioned in a like amount initially but it was increased to \$96 per annum after being reinstated following the Civil War.]