Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Samuel Burk (Burks) VAS2789 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Burk, Samuel.]

This will certify Serg't. Sam'l. Burk was inlisted in the 7th Virg'a. Reg't. of Foot on the first Day of Decemb'r. one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven to serve three years & that his time of Inlistment will expire the 1st day of Decemb'r. 80 at which time it is expected this will be sufficient to Authorise him to Receive his discharge

Given under my hand at Hillsbroug [sic: Hillsborough NC]/ June 11th 1780 Thomas Posey Maj'r [BLWt1733-450] Virg'a Line Novemb'r 20th 1780

Gen'l./ The Bearer Serg't Burk waits on your for his discharge his time being out the first Day of Next Month as he is in a low State of health & he has an opertunity of geting a Horse to Ride Home Maj'r Ridley [Thomas Ridley BLWt1850-400] desired me to get his Discharge when his time is out

I am Sir your/ Humb'l Serv't./ Gab'l Green [Gabriel Green W23136]

To/ Gen'l Stevens [Edward Stevens VAS1922]

Hillsborough Copy/ J Pendleton

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia indexed as Burks, Samuel.]

The deposition of Isham Burks [W9758] taken in the County of Boon [sic: Boone County MO] [several undeciphered words] day of December 1831 before me Tyre Harris a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Boon. The said Isham Burks deposeth & saith that his brother Samuel Burks was [one or two illegible words] of Virginia at the commencement of the Revolutionary war then of sufficient age to take up arms in defence of his County that he the said Sam'l. [one or two illegible words] early period of the war entered or inlisted himself[?] in the Contineltal service under the command of [illegible] Thomas Posey afterwards Genl. Posey of Fincastle Town in the County of Botetourt state of Virginia and that he remained in the service of the United States untill the latter [part] of the year 1780 or early in year 1781 before he was discharged part of his time he was commanded Colo Morgan afterwards Gen'l Morgan [Daniel Morgan BLWt1496-850] and this deponent further saith that he himself being one of the eighteen months men [drafted from the militia for that period] entered into the same company when the said Sam'l was then a Sergant and joined the Redgment commanded by Colo Abraham Buford [S46372] and was attached to Capt Adam Wallices [sic: Adam Wallace BLWt542-300] company and that the said Sam'l Burks commanded the platoon that the said deponant was in when said Buford was defeated at the Hanging Rock in South Carrolina [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] and that the said Sam'l Burks was at that time a Sergeant and the said deponant remained with said Sam'l in [one or two illegible words] the U States untill the October before the deponant was discharged from the service. This deponant further states that he has often heard his brother Sam'l. say that he served six years & three months in the Revolutionary war and the deponant is almost sure from that that the said Sam'l entered untill his discharge the [illegible word] time of six years & three months must be correct In witness whereunto the said deponant has hereunto set his hand & seal date before written

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In its present shape I cannot advise the allowance of this claim. But if it were made to appear that the deponent was without interest in the subject & a respectable man I would feel satisfied to allow it. Rejection advised/ Hy. Robertson Rejected J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]/ 1833 May 20 Rejected