

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Burelle: R1494

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South Carolina            } SS  
Union District            }        On this the first day of March 1848 personally appeared before me William J Keenan Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Union District S.C Patience Hannna Burelle a resident of the said District aged about Eighty one 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 act of Congress passed July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows also the benefit of the acts of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1843 & June 17<sup>th</sup> 1844

That she is the widow of Doctor John Burelle who was a Surgeon in the French Army & Navy in America under Major General Lafayette & served in that capacity with the allied forces from the time he entered the service in 1778 until the French Army was discharged at the close of the war and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to the allied forces of France & America under General Washington & Gen'l Lafayette & other french officers at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]

She further declares that she was married to the said Doctor John Burelle on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of February Seventeen Hundred & Eighty five (1785) & that her Husband the said Doctor John Burelle died in the said District of Union in the month of March 1825 since which time she has remained his widow until now

That she has in proof of her said Marriage & the time when it ocured the Certificate of Fran. Beeston the Catholic Priest who joined her & her said Husband in wedlock dated the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1786 & which is herewith shewn that the same is true & has been either in her own possession or that of her husband from the date until surrendered to be sent to the pension office. That she was not married to her said Husband prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated.

Patience Hanna herXmark Burelle

To whom it may concern

This is to testify that John Burelle and Patience Hanna Bird both Catholics were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony the 22<sup>d</sup> day of February 1785 by the Rev'd. Ferdinand Farmer.

Witnesses present Luke Pea, Catharine Boudrot

Taken from the registers, as witness my hand

Fran: Beeston Priest

Given at Philadelphia this 27<sup>th</sup> Nov'r. 1786.