Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Burton R1518

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State of Ohio }
County of Guernsey \ SS. On this ninth day of July eighteen hundred and thirty eight, personally
appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Plea
for said County, John Burton a resident of the Township of Cambridge in said County of Guernsey, aged
seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th
1832. that he was drafted into the army of the United States in the year 1781 and immediately placed
under the Command of Captain Croke or Cloke and served in the regiment of the virginia line which said
Regiment was Commanded by Colonel Kanady, under the Command of the following named officers,
Colonel Kanady, Captain Croke or Cloke and Davenport [probably Lt. Obadiah "Opie" Davenport]
who was either a Lieutenant of Ensign in the Company in which deponant served, that he left the service
in the spring or winter of the year 1782. that he served as aforesaid for the period of three months. that he
resided in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia at the time he entered the service as
aforesaid, that he marched or rather met at Winchester in the State of Virginia and marched from there
out about four miles to the barracks and remained there during the whole three months of his service as
aforesaid, and was employed in guarding prisoners taken at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York Town
[19 Oct 1781]. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present,
and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any state and that the reason he
has not before applied for a Pension is that he was informed and believed that he could not obtain a
pension except he could prove his service by some person who knew him when in service, and he knew
of no such proof. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John hisXmark Burton

[Burton's application was rejected because he did not claim the minimum of six months service.]

[Items in brackets are from a similar document dated (probably erroneously) 28 Oct 1850.] State of Ohio Guernsey County SS [28 Oct 1852]

Be it remembered that before me James Delong Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Guernsey and state of Ohio personally appeared appeared Cristian Clark formerly Cristian Burton aged sixty five in the month of November 1852 a resident of Guernsey County Ohio and Margaret Speers formerally Margaret Clark [sic] aged 46 on the 12 day of January 1852 [resident of Belmont County OH] who being duly cautioned and then sworn in due form of law states that they are children and heirs of John Burton who was a revolutionary that he died on the 10th day of November 1845 that their mother named Sarah Burton died on the 24 day of April 1824 that they were married on the 12th day of November 1885 [sic] and that they were residents of the State of [blank] and that they resided there about six years and then moved to the State of Pennsylvania about 12 years and from that place they moved to Cambridge Guernsey County Ohio and they do further on oath say that they have two Brothers towit John Burton who resides in Athens County Ohio aged about 63 years and Bazil Burton aged about 56. place of residents unknown [Power of attorney to obtain a pension follows.]