

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Burnside S16333

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State of Indiana            } SS  
      Scott County        }

On this seventh day of November in the year 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Scotts County Circuit Court held in and for said County, now sitting (being a court of record) John Burnside a resident of said County, aged seventy six years last September who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in a company of volunteers commanded by Captain Thomas Farmer, and Lieutenant John Ellet, under the command of Colonel \_\_\_ Ramsey [possibly Ambrose Ramsey] and Major John Nouls [Knowles?] in the Second Regiment of the North Carolina line [sic: see note below], on the \_\_\_ day of May \_\_\_, and served nearly three months untill the [blank] day of August of the same year, and rendezvoused at Chatham Courthouse in Chatham County North Carolina, and was marched from thence to Fayetteville about eighty miles, and crossed Cape Fair and returned by Chatham Court house, when General Retherford [sic: Griffith Rutherford] took the command of our Corpse, and marched us into South Carolina, past Cheraw hill, then General [John] Butler took the command and marched to Rugley's [sic: Rugeley's] mill in South Carolina, and about half way between Rugley's mill and Camden we had a severe battle with the British [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780], in which battle we were defeated and was compelled to retreat, he then went home and was discharged. In a short time afterwards he was called upon to render services to his country and he volunteered for a horse company commanded by Captain James Mayben [possibly Mebane], Lieutenant Nathaniel Christmas [probably Christman], Cornet Joseph Hodge under the command of Colonel Gilford [Guilford] Dudley, and rendezvoused in Orange County North Carolina, and was engaged in scouring the country for about two months through Orange, Randolph & Chatham and other counties, this tour he was principally engaged routing the tories and was discharged on the [blank] day of [blank] by Captain Mayben, which discharge is lost. Shortly after his last discharge he hired as a substitute in the place of Henry Pickhart in a horse company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Christmas, Lieutenant Joseph Hodge under the command of Colonel William ONeal and was engaged for two months scouring the country of the tories and suppressing & frustrating their movements, and was then discharged by Captain Christmas, which discharge is also lost. during all this time his residence was considered in Orange County North Carolina, those soldiers who served under Colonels Dudley & ONeal in the horse companies was allowed a three months tour by serving two months with their horses.

He has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services at this time

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state as this is his first application ever made for a pension.

John hisXmark Burnside

Interrogatories put to the applicant by the court and his answers to the same —

Interrogatory 1. Where, and in what year were you born,

Answer- I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania on the 10 September 1756 to the best of my information.

Interrogatory 2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

Answer- I have no record of my age, It was lost or distroyed during the revolutionary war.

Interrogatory 3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer- I lived in Orange County North carolina when called into service, I have lived since the Revolutionary war in Kentucky and I now live in Scott County Indiana.

Interrogatory 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were

you a substitute? and if a substitute for whom?

Answer- I volunteered my service, when my country needed it, as set forth in my declaration. I was not drafted, was once substitute.

Interrogatory 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the regular Officers, who were with the troops when you served; such continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer- I cannot now recollect the names of any of the regular Officers, except Colonel Boyd of the Maryland line, I cannot distinctly recollect (so as to describe) particularly, the continental & militia regiments which I may have seen, I cannot relate the general circumstances of my services more satisfactorily than is stated in my declaration.

Interrogatory 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer- I received a discharge from Captain Mayben when I left his Company, also one from Captain Christmas when I left his Company, I long since sent one or both of said discharges to a friend in North Carolina and in consequence thereof I drew about twenty dollars Since that time I have not seen of known any thing about either of them - whether they are lost or destroyed or are now in existence I know not.

Interrogatory 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known, in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer, I will refer to Abraham Noakes one of the Associate Judges of this court, who has known me since he was a boy, and James Ward Esq Clerk of this Court—

NOTE: Burnside evidently served in the militia rather than in the North Carolina Line, which was captured at the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780 and was essentially non-existent at the time of the Battle of Camden.