

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Martin Burris S32151

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State of Illinois Morgan County S.S.

On this Nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before Samuel D Lockwood presiding Judge of the circuit court of said county now sitting, as a court of chancery Martin Burris a resident of the County of Morgan and State of Illinois aged seventy seven 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He resided in Albemarl [sic: Albemarle] County Virginia previous to and during the whole period of the Revolutionary War, during the war, (he cannot recollect the date) the Militia of the Regiment to which he belonged was divided into classes, for the purpose of supplying requisitions made upon the Regiment for soldiers, the class to which he belonged, was called on, and he in consequence of the call entered the service in a company commanded by Captain John Hunter of the said county of Albemarle, the company met at Col Boswells and was organized at that place, the time at which the company was organized is not recollected. the company marched from Col Boswelles to join a Regiment commanded by Col Reubin Lindsey [sic: Reuben Lindsay], but the order to march was changed and the company marched to Richmond Virginia, and remained at Richmond as a guard until the company was discharged, this deponent was the first Sargeant of the company during the whole time of service, and he served on the campaign three months, was discharged and returned Home, this deponent recollects that he was discharged about five months before Lord Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781], Capt Hunter gave the deponant a discharge in writing which was signed by the Captains, the discharge was either lost by accident or destroyed. About two or three weeks after his return, the deponant was again called on to serve a tour of three months, he joined a company commanded by Capt Jeremiah Hamner, the company was organized in albemarl County, and deponant joined the company at a Church not far from Richmond, the Company was detached from the Regiment which was commanded by Col Lindsay, and ordered to remove Ordnance stores and provisions from Westham on the South fork of James River up to Wares Mill, the company Removed the stores up the River to said mill, and remained at the mill until the time of service expired, deponant served on this expedition three months and was discharged he received a written discharge from the captain, but this discharge is lost, he served on this expedition as first Sargeant of the company during the whole period of service. – He has no documentary evidence to prove his service, and he knows of no Witness in the state of Illinois by whom he can prove his service. He can prove that he served by one Leonard Davis [pension application S12736], who resided in Overton County Tennessee, the last that has been heard from him by the deponant, and deponant believes that he is year living.

This deponant was born in Albemarl County Virginia on the 11th February 1754. he has a Record of his age at his own house where he now lives, which was copied from a Record made by his father in a family Bible, he resided in the said county of Albemarl until after the Revolutionary war, about the year 1788 he removed to Surrey [sic: Surry] County North Carolina. About eighteen years ago he removed from said county of Surrey to Overton County Tennessee, he remained [two illegible words] four years since, when he removed to Morgan County Illinois where he now resides. He is personally known to William ORear, Equilla Nall, Isaac Bennett & William Scott, all of whom reside in the neighborhood of the deponant.

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 or Territory

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NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Martin Burris received his final pension payment up to his death on 16 Jan 1839.