

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Burnside (Burnside) S9300

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State of SC, Laurens District} In the Common Pleas

On this Seventeenth day of October – personally appeared in open Court before his Honor Richard Gant [sic, Gantt] one of the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting, Andrew Burnside a resident of Laurens District South Carolina aged 69, 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 the 7th 1832 Viz.: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Capt. Daniel Williams, Lieut. Clement Hancock, Lieut. Christopher Hardy & Ensign John Owens, company officers, Major Kilgore [Benjamin Kilgore], Lieut. Col. Casey [Levi Casey] & Col. Hays [sic, Joseph Hayes]—field officers—in the year 1781. [He] was at the siege of Ninety Six¹—continued under Captain Williams & Col. Hayes until Hayes' defeat in Nov. 1781.² He was afterwards drafted into service in 1782 for 2 months but was relieved in about 6 weeks—went on an expedition to Orangeburg under Capt. Wallace, Lieut. Golding [Reuben Golding] & Major Harris [William Harris]; returned home. From this time, [he] was a volunteer minute man of and in active service until the year 1783 under the command of Capt. William Irby, Major Harris. Before this, however, in the year 1781, he volunteered & went on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Capt. William Harris. Col. Kilgore was absent about a month; returned home & in a few days went under Col. Hayes & was at the Battle at Edgiles [sic, Edgehill or Hayes Station]—He received no written discharge; has no documentary evidence. Major William Dunlap & Reuben Golding can testify to my Revolutionary services & the Revd. Joseph Babb and William Dunlap can testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior. He lived in Craven County, now Laurens District So. Carolina when I entered the Service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

I was born in Charlotte County, Virginia.³

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_hayes_station.html

³ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I have a copy taken from the original record of my age made by my father.
I was living in Craven County now Laurens District when I entered the service & have lived there since.
I went into the service & served as a volunteer except in the expedition to orange Burg and I was drafted.
I recollect the names of Colonel Mayson & Captain Caldwell regular officers but never served with them.
I never received a discharge.
The Rev. Joseph Babb & William Dunlap will testify as to my veracity & good behavior & William Dunlap⁴ & Reuben Golding can testify as to my services.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ Andrew Burnsidess, X his mark

We Joseph Babb a clergyman residing in Laurens district South Carolina and William Dunlap residing in the same hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Andrew Burnsidess who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration: that we believe him to be about 69 years of age: that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ Joseph Babb

S/ Wm Dunlap

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared in open Court Reuben Golding,⁵ who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with the applicant Andrew Burnsidess during the Revolutionary War – That this applicant was in actual service from the Siege of Ninety Six to Hayes defeat and the last of November 1781 – and also knew the said applicant to have been on a tour of duty to Orangeburg of two months.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

S/ Reuben Golding

²nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

³rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

⁴th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

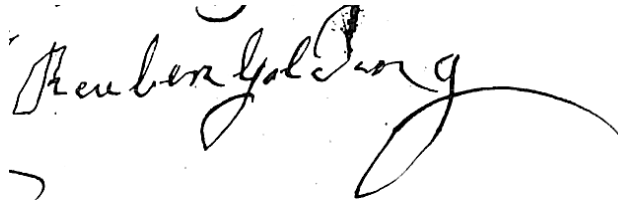
⁵th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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

⁷th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

⁴ [William Dunlap W2723](#)

⁵ [Reuben Golding S21770](#)



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South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared in open Court William Dunlap who being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with the applicant Andrew Burnside in part of the Revolutionary War – Knew him to have been under Colonel Kilgore, Captain William Harris on a tour of 30 days and an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1781.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Dunlap



S/ John Garlington, Clk L. Dist.

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Hickory Grove November 6, 1835

South Carolina, Laurens District

I do hereby Certify unto all whom it may Concern that I have been personally acquainted with the applicant Andrew Burnside twenty years and intimately for seventeen years – when I first saw the applicant he had lost his eye sight, and has continued blind ever since; he is in moderate circumstances, a large family of children, is a respectable & intelligent Citizen, and I think \$100 annually but a fair & just provision by his Government for an individual, so unfortunate and rendered so unhappy from his particular situation – I mean \$100, including his pension of \$23.33.

As to the cause of his loss of Sight I am not prepared to Say – but one fact is generally known, few, very few of the Soldiers of the Revolution, now living, but which are afflicted, with some continued disease, such, as Rheumatism, dyspepsia, Stone or Gravel, loss of sight or hearing – I will remark, Mr. Burnside's hearing is in some degree impaired.

S/ T. Richardson

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To J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of the Pension Department – The Memorial of Andrew Burnside; Sheweth, That he was placed on the Pension Roll, as a Soldier & Private of the Army of the Revolution, and that he is entitled to receive in conformity with an act of Congress \$23.33 commencing on the 4th of March 1831 – and ending on the 3rd of March annually, during life.

Your memorialist Sets forth his additional claim of a Pension upon the following grounds (viz.) That your memorialist has been fully 24 years entirely deprived of sight, and unable to labor, your Memorialist does verily believe that the periodical disease that deprived him of sight, was contracted in the Service of his Country, during the war of the Revolution. The disease that

has pursued your memorialist from the time he retired from service, is the Saint Anthony's fire⁶; he was attacked with said disease directly after his return from Service and has never failed to have an attack every year since – your memorialist further States that the two medical Gentlemen that attended on him at the time he lost his sight, are now out of his reach, as one is dead Dr. Adams, and the other has removed to the State of Alabama, therefore he cannot avail himself of the benefit of their testimony. Your memorialist however exhibits testimony to prove his respectable character & unfortunate Situation.

Your Memorialist prays to be allowed a Pension annually during life of \$100 including the Pension is now receives commencing the 4th of March from the year 1831.

Your Memorialist in duty bound will ever pray.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the 13th day of November 1835.

S/ Martin Share, J. Q

S/ Andrew Burnside, X his mark

Be so kind as to address your communications to Colonel Turner Richardson Waterloo Post Office South Carolina Laurens District.

S/ A. Burnside, Senior

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to Andrew Burnside AA5
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 937

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Mr. Andrew Burnside his account of Militia duty as private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £113.10.0

Stg. [Sterling] £16.4.3 ¼

Ex^d. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Missrs. Blake & Boquet Treasurers Charleston

Please to Let the Bearer hereof Andrew Rodgers Junior had the Whole of my Indent in your office with the Specialty & you will Greatly Oblige your Humble Servant

S/ Andw Burnside

6 Wikipedia entry: “**Ergotism** is the effect of long-term [ergot poisoning](#), classically due to the [ingestion](#) of the [alkaloids](#) produced by the [Claviceps purpurea fungus](#) which infects [rye](#) and other [cereals](#), and more recently by the action of a number of [ergoline](#)-based drugs. It is also known as **ergototoxicosis**, **ergot poisoning** and **St Anthony's fire** (not to be confused with [shingles](#), which is also known as St. Anthony's fire in [Italy](#) and in [Malta](#).” <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ergotism>.

7 The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.



September 20th 1785 Certified before
Certified by S/ John Rodgers, JP

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State South Carolina

To Andrew Burnside
Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] Currency £113
Sterling £16.4.3 ¼

Received 15 June 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the Above
Account in an Indent No. 384 S by an order
S/ A. Rodgers, Junior



[p 4: Printed form of Indent 384 book S dated June 15, 1785]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing various endorsements only one of which is by the
veteran. That endorsement appears to be an assignment by the veteran of his rights in the indent
to Robert Franks but the image of the entry is very faint.]