

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Michael Burtz SC1044

AA23

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 947.5 [sic, same # as William Burton]

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The Petition of Michael Burtz praying for a pension

Granted

Pensions

Patterson

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South Carolina Barnwell District} To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,  
Whereas the petition of Michael Burtz Humbly Sheweth to your Honorable bodies that he Served as a Soldier during the Revolutionary War, he entered the Service under the command of Captain Jacob Wanamaker & Colonel Jacob Rumph from five to six years, the whole of which time he Served and perform duty in the State militia principal part of said time he was also engaged as one of the a Scouting Party, in pursuing the Tories, and protecting certain neighborhoods in the District of Orangeburg, said Burtz was often from home from two to three months, at which times he underwent many wants and privations, such as Hunger Want of Rest – he Burtz was considered by his officers to be a very faithful and active man, always ready and willing to march and he stationed at any certain Posts, to which the petitioner underwent toils & fatigues, he further adds that he never Received for the whole time more than five or six Dollars for his Services, he does at length from dire necessity feel constidined [sic ?] to call on the commiseration and bounty of the members composing both Houses, to assist him in his old days he being about Seventy-five years of age at this time, and very much afflicted with pains at certain times which renders it out of his power of laboring for a Support, he has no one to assist him but his wife, his children all being married off, and his situation in life is very limited, as his Schedule will show, we therefore pray that you will view this old patriot's claim and grant him such relief as in your wisdom and discretion you may think he deserves, there is no doubt, but the petitioner is as well deserving to become a state pensioner as Hundreds who have been placed on the roll for late years, in point of honesty, sobriety and Good conduct, there is no man who holds a higher station, we the undersigned earnestly pray, that Michael Burtz may be made a

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<sup>1</sup> 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. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

pensioner hereafter, for there is no doubt, but he is one among the many that tocted [sic, ?] and underwent many hardships and fatigues for the independence and liberty we now enjoy – it would therefore be hard to deny this Good old and faithful soldier a few years pay, for from the nature of things, he can't be here long, he therefore leaving him to be Justly entitled to your aid & friendship shall accordingly Submit the nature of this claim to your generosity and wisdom – and we as in duty bound will ever pray &c November 1<sup>st</sup> 1827

S/ W. W. Williams  
 S/ John Randall  
 S/ John Cook  
 S/ Jacob Cook  
 S/ Stephen A. Arthur

South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally appeared before me Michael Burtz who being duly sworn saith that the facts stated in the within petition is Just and true – Sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1827

S/ John Randall, J Q S/ Michael Burtz, X his mark

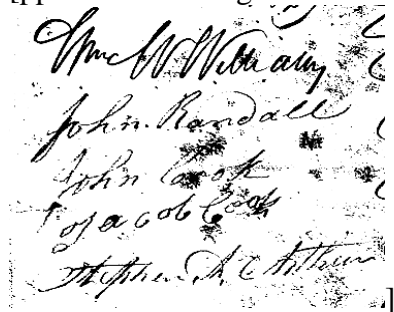
A Schedule of the property of Michael Burtz November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1827

200 acres of pineland	\$100.00
1 mare	25.00
7 head of cattle	35.00
4 do of Hogs	4.00
House Whole and Plantation Tools Valued at	<u>25.00</u>
	\$189.00

South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally appeared before me Michael Burtz who being duly Sworn on his Oath saith that the above Schedule is just & true and that he has no other property directly or indirectly, Sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1827

S/ John Randall, JQ S/ Michael Burtz, X his mark

[pp 8-10: The original of the above petition bearing the following original signatures:



A photograph of five handwritten signatures in cursive script, arranged vertically. From top to bottom, they are: W. W. Williams, John Randall, John Cook, Jacob Cook, and Stephen A. Arthur. The signatures are somewhat faded and overlapping.

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South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally appeared before me John Cook, who after being duly Sworn on his oath Saith, that he was well acquainted with the petitioner Michael Burtz, and knew him to be a faithful Soldier in the time of the old revolutionary War, Sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1827

S/ John Randall, JQ S/ John Cook, X his mark

[Note: Veteran was placed on the Pension Roll of effective June 7, 1828 at the rate of \$60 per annum. The file contains receipt for the annual payment of this pension through June 5, 1830]

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The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of the Said State

The Petition of Hannah Burtz widow of Michael Burtz late of Barnwell District deceased, respectfully Sheweth

That her late husband in his lifetime was placed on the pension list for services rendered to this state in the revolutionary war, and being very old and infirm as well as poor, his petition was his principal support for himself and your petitioner his wife – that your petitioner is also very old and infirm, and altogether unable to labor for her maintenance – that your petitioner’s husband departed this life about the 1<sup>st</sup> of August last, Since which time she has been principally dependent on the Voluntary assistance of a young man the nephew of her late husband, but how long she will have such assistance is very uncertain. In the event that assistance which is very scanty as well as precarious, failing your petitioner who is betwixt sixty & seventy years of age must surely suffer, or apply to the commissioners of the poor for maintenance in order therefore to keep an aged widow of a man who served his country faithfully out of the poor house, your petitioner prays that she may be continued in the petition list and that she may draw half the amount of which her said husband annually received from the State and your petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ Hannah Burtz

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hannah Burtz". The ink is dark and the background is a light, speckled texture.

[Note: Unfortunately neither the widows petition nor the acknowledgment thereof bears a date. The file does not contain documentation reflecting such action, if any, as the legislature may have taken regarding her petition.]