Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Burk W2912

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State of Kentucky County of Jessamine

On this 20th Day of August 1832 personaly appear'd in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County of Jessamine now sitting Samuel Burk a resident of Jessamine County & State of Kentucky aged 73 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 the 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated in the year 1775 he entered the service under Capt William McClanehan [sic: McClenachan] of Culpeper where he then resided County Virginia we marched to Williamsburg then McClanehan Ritur'd home I was a vollunteer vollunteer in Capt Abraham Buford's Compny I served twelve months in all in which was called the Minit Service in the Companys of McClanehan & Buford we marched from Williamsburg to the long bridge we there fought a battle with the enimy [Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] from there we marched to Norfolk my Coln was Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] my Major was Tho. Martiel [sic: Thomas Marshall] we marched from Norfolk to Suffolk I then marched from thence to portsmouth under Major Scot [probably Scott] from Portsmouth we marched to Culpepper & were discharged in the year 1777 I entered the service as a vollunteer soulder in the Company of Capt. [Angus] Rucker from Culpeper & marched from thence toward the brandywine & were arriving to get to the army of washington in time for the battle of the Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] but the battle was fought & we joined the main army soon after & was in a Scrimage at the place as well as I now Recollect Called the Mud Bank fort [possibly Fort Mifflin on Mud Island] we succeeded in Capturing some of the enimy My Major during this tour was William Robards [probably William Roberts] My Col'n was James Pendleton whoo Returned before our tour expired & Robards was promoted to Col'n I served three month at this time in the year 1781 I was Drafted to serve a tour of three months from Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] County where he then Resided under Capt. John Baul [sic: John Ball] & marched from thence to Yourke [sic: Yorktown] we watched the movements of Cornwallace in his passage from the Carrolinas to York [sic: Cornwallis; left North Carolina 23 Apr, arrived Yorktown 1 Aug] My term of service expired befor the Siege of yorke [28 Sep - 19 Oct] & I was Discharged returned home My Col'n was Obanion [sic: Samuel Obanon]

I served in the war of the Revolution personal service as above stated 18 months in all I have now Documentary evidence & that I now of now person whoos testimony I can procure whoo can procure whoo can testify to my service except Col'n Abraham Buford of Scot County if living will prove my service of 12 months as stated in the forpart of my Declaration

I hereby Relinquishe every claim whatever to a pention or anuity except the present & Declare that I am not on the pention Roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to & subscribed the Day & year afs'd

[signed] Samuel Burk

NOTE:

On 27 March 1844 Mary Burk of Shelby County KY applied for a pension stating that as Mary Hurley, daughter of Thomas Hurley of Culpeper County, she was married by Parson Thompson to Samuel Burk at Rectortown in Fauquier County on 2 Sep 1786, and that her husband died on 16 Mar 1841. On 7 Jan 1845 Sally Burk stated that she attended school at Fiery Run when she was six years old, and that in the following spring they started to move to Kentucky. On 23 Sep 1848 Mary Burk was said to be 78 years old.

The file includes the original family record transcribed below:

Willis Burk was born 9th Nov 1802

PRISCILLA Ann Burk Was Born Feb 12th 1815

Willis Burk was marrid to Priscilla A Solomons Aprile $4^{\rm th}$ 1833

Samuel Burk was Maried to Mary Hurley 2^d Sept. 1786

Jerome B. Burk was married, to Mary Elizabeth Campbell Elliston, October 10th 1842, at 8 oclock A.M. [The following is on a separate slip of paper:] the United baptist Church of Christ in virginia of fauquire County firy Run Doth Dismiss Mary Burk as an orderly Member and when Joined to any other Church of the same faith and order No Longer under our Care sined by order and in Behalf of the Hole this 4th Day of april 1795 John Corder Clerk

Also enclosed is a separate record from a Bible. Only a few words are now legible, but a typed summary from the Pension Office includes the following transcript:

Children:

Sally or Sallay. born	I.11.	7, 1799.
Sally of Sallay. Dolli	July	,
Susey "	September	11, 179?.
James"	October	22, 1792.
Polley"	February	4, 1794.
Devarol"	November	9, 1796.
Jerome B. or Jeer. "	May	28, 1799.
Williss or Willis "	November	9, 1802.
Joanah"	Setember	10, 1804.