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Pension Application of Abraham Burner W24693

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Virginia Randolph county Sct

At a court held for the county of Randolph on the 25th day of October, in the Year of our Lord 1819

Present John M Hart, Ely Butcher	}	
Adam Myers and	}	Gentlemen Justices of the peace
Robert Chenowith	}	

Personally appeared in court Abraham Burner of the county and state aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to Law on his Oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the united states in the Revolutionary War.

That he the said Abraham Burner enlisted for the Term of Two years on or about the [blank] day of January in the year 1777 in Woodstock in the State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Mathias Hite [pension application S38031] and of the Eight Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps and in the Service of the united states until about the [blank] day of February or March 1778 when he was discharged from Service at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania That he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence of his said services now in his power except the annexed affidavit of Mathias Hite the Captain by whom he was enlisted.

The State of Ohio Licking County Ss

Be it known that on the thirtieth day of July A.D. 1839 before me John Moore one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Henry Burner who being by me duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that agreeably to the family record of his age he was seventy years of age on the 28th of August last (1838) was born and raised in Shenandoah County [called Dunmore County until 1778] State of Virginia that he had a brother (he thinks) about fourteen or fifteen years older than himself also born and raised in the same County that he well recollects of his said Brother Abraham being a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Cannot say with certainty what year he was out that he in the first place enlisted at Woodstock Shenandoah county Virginia for the Term of twelve months under one Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] (then recruiting officer of that place) who was afterwards [21 Feb 1777] a General that the said Abraham Burner served out the said Term of twelve months and received his discharge in writing which he affiant has frequently seen – affiant states that from the best computation in regard to the time he was out it must have been about the year 1778 or 1779 – that said Abraham Burner some time after said Term of service was out (is well satisfied it was not over a year) he was married to Mary Magdalen Hull of Pendleton County Virginia – that about six or eight months after said marriage said Abraham Burner was drafted in the Militia for three months under Captain Jacob Rinker and went on to either North or South Carolina where he served out said three months and before being discharged (as he affiant has understood) was again drafted or pressed to stay in the service three months longer that to the best of affiants belief he did not return home under six months [see endnote]. Affiant states that said Abraham Burner brought his wife home to his fathers (Earhart Burner) in said Shanandoah County in the spring as he thinks from the fact that she rode a mare with a sucking colt – and that not long after he had been at home was drafted as above stated and that he did not return until about Christmas. That said Abraham Burner's first child was born during his absence at that time at his fathers

where his wife remained during his absence (on the 9th of December in the year 1780) as affiant has learned by reference to the record in the family bible kept by Daniel Burner (the name of said first child) now in the possession of his daughter in this County. Affiant states that he resided from the time of his birth up to the year 1817 in said Shenandoah County Virginia when he removed from thence to the County of Licking in the State of Ohio where he has ever since continued to reside except two or three times he has been back to to virginia on bussiness & visiting. Affiant states that said Abraham Burner & his wife returned from the Arme[y?] went to reside in the County of Pendleton where they have continued to reside up to the time of his death & have raised a large family of Children (seven sons & two daughters) Affiant states that since the marriage between his said Brother & the said Mary Magdalen Hull he has been in the habit of seeing and hearing from them frequently and that since the death of the said Abraham Burner he has not heard of the marriage of the said Mary Magdalen with any other person and further saith not.

[signed] Henry Burner

NOTES:

According to John Camper's pension application (S9142) Capt. Jacob Rinker marched his company to Salisbury NC probably in Dec 1780, then to the Cheraw Hills in SC, and was then engaged in guarding the prisoners from the Battle of Cowpens SC (17 Jan 1781) to Albemarle Barracks.

Abraham Burner's pension was last paid in 1820, possibly because he did not or could not prove financial need as required by the act of 1 May 1820.

On 3 June 1839 Mary Burner, 76, of Pocahontas County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Abraham Burner on 5 June 1780, and he died 18 June 1827. Her statement was certified by Adam Arbogast (pension application S8037). A Treasury-Department document states that Abraham Burner, one of five children of Mary Burner, received the final pension payment up to the day of her death on 18 Jan 1840.