

Pension Application for John Burgess

S.42639

Continental (New York)

The State of Ohio

Champaign County

Before me the subscriber Samuel Hitt one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [sic] in the County aforesaid personally came John Burgess who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he this deponent some time in May 1782 enlisted in Capt. Machin Company of Artillery in Colonel Lamb Regiment of the State of New York for three years and was discharged some time in June 1784 and further saith that he is in circumstances which require assistance from his country for support and further saith not. (Signed with his mark) John Burgess

Sworn and subscribed to before me the second day of May 1818. Samuel Hitt; Asso. Judge.

Personally appeared in open court being the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Logan and State of Ohio on the 30th day of August 1820 John Burgess a resident of said County aged 64 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he enlisted in the year 1781 or 2 in March in the State of New York under Captain Malchom [Machin] (1) the regiment commanded by Col. Lamb of the artillery on Continental establishment entered for during the war and served out the full period of his Enlistment and was honorably discharged by Major Douty (2) at West Point—he further saith that he has received a pension under the law of the 18th March 1818 date of certificate 13 October 1818 and Number 3600.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent hereby to diminish it so as to bring my self within the provisions of an act of Congress intitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not nor any person for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained on the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed—viz. two head of horses one calf eight head of hogs and some pigs—I have a debt coming to me of twenty one dollars twenty five cents but place little hope of ever collecting it and I am indebted one hundred and fifty dollars—I am 64 years of age by trade a cooper but for several years past unable to work. I have been under the doctors care for four years I have a wife that 62 years of age and one son named Hampton Burgess aged twenty years he is a cripple and unable to perform any labour. (Signed with his mark) John Burgess.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court on the 30th day of August 1820 before us. James McGlain, Levi Garwood & John Shelby; special judges of Logan County

End Notes—S.42639—John Burgess

1. Thomas Machin was a Captain in Colonel John Lamb's Second Continental Regiment of Artillery. John may have served under him in detachment service but he was not in his company.
2. John enlisted as a matross (Private) in Captain John Doughty's Company in the Second Artillery on April 10, 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 118, Folder 41, National Archives, Washington, D.C. On June 17, 1783, Captain Doughty transferred to the Corps of Artillery. Captain Doughty was brevetted Major on September 30, 1783. He was commissioned Major of the Artillery Battalion on August 7, 1784. John Burgess may have served under Doughty in the Corps of Artillery to complete his enlistment term as the Continental Army was discharged or disbanded on June 17, 1783.

Note: In the U.S. military, brevet referred to a warrant authorizing a commissioned officer to hold a higher rank temporarily, but usually without receiving the pay of that higher rank. An officer so promoted may be referred to as being brevetted and the promotion would be noted in the officer's title.