

Pension Application for David Burns

S.44706

To the Honorable James Emmet, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Dutchess which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under oath of David Burns formerly a soldier engaged in the Service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War, and now a Citizen of the United States, and resident of the town of Rhinebeck in Dutchess County and State of New York.

Respectfully Showeth, that the said David Burns in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five at Rhinebeck in Dutchess County and State of New York.

Respectfully Showeth, that the said David Burns in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five at Rhinebeck enlisted in a company in the American service commanded by Captain Henry B. Livingston in the 4th New York regiment commanded by Col. Holmes for nine months, that he served out his said term as a private soldier and until he was discharged at St. Johns in Canada, that immediately after his said discharge at St. Johns in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. John Lamb (afterwards Colonel Lamb) in a regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Knox (afterwards General Knox) for three years, that he served out the full term of his said last enlistment and until he was discharged near Brandywine in Pennsylvania, [Pennsylvania] that a few weeks after his said last discharge he again enlisted near Lancaster in a company in the American service commanded by Captain Grant in the ninth regiment of Pennsylvania line commanded by Colonel Butler for three years that he served in the said regiment under his said enlistment until the close of the war and until he was discharged at Philadelphia on the disbanding of the army.

And the said David says that his discharges were lost & destroyed by the burning of his father in laws house about thirty years ago.

And the said David further says that he was engaged in the battle before Quebeck under Montgomery & in the several skirmishes with the enemy before and after in Canada.

That he was at the engagement on Long Island before the capture of the New York by the enemy. He was at the capture of Burgoine, at the battles of Princetion and Springfield in New Jersey, at Brandywine and German town in Pennsylvania and at Monmouth in New Jersey and was at the storming of Stoney Point.

And this declaration further representeth that the said David Burns is now a Citizen of the United States and residing in Rhinebeck aforesaid, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his country for support; and that he has never received any pension from the government of the United States.

Therefore he conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," approved, March 17, 1818 and requests that your Honor will examine into the truths of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, he refers to the Affidavit of himself.

Dated the first day of May 1818 by (Signed with his mark) David Burns.

County of Dutchess, SS. David Burns being duly sworn says that the matter by him set forth in the foregoing declaration are in all respects just and true.

Sworn the first day of May 1818 before me, James Ernoff.