

Pension Application for Zacharias or Zachariah Burwell

S.42109

The State of Ohio, Pickaway County SS.

On the 8th day of Aril 1823 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas then sitting in and for Pickaway County it being a Court of record constituted such by Statute of the State of Ohio Zachariah Burwell resident in said county, aged sixty nine years last July who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of 18th March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and the Act of the 1st of May 1820 supplementary thereto.

That he the said Zachariah Burwell enlisted first for the term of five months in the year 1775 in the New York State troops in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Billings in the third regiment of State troops commanded by Colonel James Clinton, that while in that corps he was engaged in taking Saint John's in Canada that his tour of service expired in that corps on the first day of January 1776, that he then returned to Elizabethtown his home and then enlisted for the time of one year in the month of January in the year of our Lord 1776 in the State of New Jersey in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Mecker in the first Regiment of the New Jersey line commanded by Colonel Sterling on Continental Establishment—that he continued to serve in that corps until the 30th day of December 1776.

When he was sent from Ticonderoga the then quarters of the Regiment to Elizabethtown fifteen days of impressed service allowed him for his return home, that he received his discharge from said service in Elizabethtown in the State of New Jersey that which in that service he marched under General Sullivan to reinforce General Arnold on his retreat from Canada and that the said General Arnold at the three rivers, was engaged in the battle there and retreated with him to Ticonderoga where he remained in service until the said thirteenth day of December 1776, that he the said Zachariah Burwell afterwards enlisted again for the term of three years in the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in Poughkeepsie in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Cooper in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois in the fifth Regiment of the New York line on the Continental Establishment.

That he was at Fort Montgomery when it was taken by the British on the seventh day of October 1777 and was actively engaged in defending said fort and finally escaped without being captured that after that he was transferred to the second Regiment of the New York State line on Continental Establishment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortland to the third company of said regiment commanded by Captain Jacob Wright and was marched from New Paltz in the State of New York where he had been since his escape from Fort Montgomery to Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania in February 1778 that in that war he was at the battle of Monmouth and received a wound in the breast—that he continued with the said Regiment in the same company until the month of February 1779 when he hired a man by the name of Schoonmaker to serve out the remainder of his term of service who was accepted by the captain and Colonel commanding and enrolled in his place and he the said Zachariah Burwell was then honorably discharged in the same month of February 1779 from the said service at [Mumbancor?] in the State of New York, having actually served in the said last Regiment more than nine months—This deponent further states that he is now in reduced circumstances and unable to support himself and much needs the aid of his country for a support and that his discharges which he received are now lost and he has no other evidence of his services now in his power. And in pursuance of the Act of 1st May 1820, I do further solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish the same as to bring myself within the provisions of the 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 passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than which is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.

One broad axe for a cooper worth \$2.00

One Adzo? For Cooper worth \$1.00

One Cooper's compass? worth \$0.75

Three drawing knives worth about \$1.00

Due me from William Beard about \$5.00

Total of my property and debts due me \$9.75

(Signed) Zacharias Burwell

The said Zachariah Burwell further states upon oath that he has no family and is by occupation an cooper but from old age and debility is unable to do more than one fourth the labor of an ordinary man and further saith not. (Signed) Zacharias Burwell

Sworn to and declared on the 8th day of April 1823 before John A. McDowell Esq., President Judge and his associate Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for Pickaway County and State of Ohio. Andrew Brewster, Clerk

Letter In folder dated May 31, 1933

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of Zachariah Burwell and William Brown, who received pensions while residing in Pickaway County, Ohio. Their histories are given below as found in the papers on file in their respective claims for pension, S.2387 and S.42109, based upon their services in that war.

William Brown S.2387. The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of William Brown are not shown in the papers on file in his claim for pension.

While residing in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, he enlisted in March 1778, served in Captain Thomas Cluggage's company under Major Robert Cluggage in the Pennsylvania Troops, marched to the "Sinking Valley" on the western frontier, assisted in erecting a fort called the "lead Mines Fort", acted as a guard against the Indians and was discharged December 1, 1778, having been stationed the while time at the above named fort.

After the Revolution, he continued to reside in Bedford County, Pennsylvania until 1806, when he moved to Franklin (later Pickaway) County, Ohio.

He was allowed pension one has application erected October 22, 1832, at which time he was aged seventy-three years and resided in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

There are no data in regard to the family of William Brown.

Zachariah Burwell S.42109. Zachariah or Zacharias Burwell was born in July, 1753, place not shown.

He enlisted in the state of New York, in 1775, served as a private in Captain Andrew Billings' Company, Colonel James Clinton's 3rd New York Regiment, was in the battle of St. John's, Canada, and was discharged January 1, 1776, after which he returned to his home in Elizabethtown, state not given: he enlisted in the State of New Jersey in January 1776, served in Captain Joseph Meeker's Company, "Colonel Stirling's 1st New Jersey Regiment, was in the battle of Three Rivers and was discharged December 30, 1776, at Elizabethtown, New Jersey; he enlisted in August, 1777, at Poughkeepsie, New York, served in Captain Cooper's Company, Colonel DuBois' 5th New York Regiment, was at Fort Montgomery when it was captured by the British, but managed to make his escape; after which he was transferred and served in Captain Jacob Wright's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's 2nd New York

Regiment, was in winter quarters at Valley Forge and in the battle of Monmouth, where he received a wound in the breast and was discharged in February 1779.

After the Revolution he served under General Wayne in his campaign against the Indians.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1823, while residing in Pickaway County, Ohio, while residing in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Zachariah Burwell died July 19, 1836.