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Sarah Burgess do
a settler in the State of Tennessee
who was a private in the army commanded
by Captain Clayton of the regt commanded
by Col. Spotswood in the Citizen
line for 2 years

Is recorded on the Roll of West Tennessee
at a rate of 80 Dollars & Cents per annum.
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Rate of Pension issued the 23 day of November
1833 and Wm Martin
Deputy Springs

Appears to the 1st of
Semi-ann. allowance ending

March 1st 1832 \$122.88

{ Revolutionary Claims }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

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West Tennessee

Susannah Burrus

widow of Jacob Burrus
Va
who was a private
in the Virginia Line

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
80 Dollars 00
Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the
sixteenth day of Jan 7 1844
and sent to

Wm Martin
Carthage
Tennessee

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

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State of Tennessee
Smith County

On this 20th day of August
1832. personally appeared before me ~~James~~
~~Samuel H. McKinnon~~ ~~Samuel H. McKinnon~~
one of the acting Justices of the peace
for the County aforesaid, Jacob Barnes,
a resident of the said County of Smith
& State of Tennessee, aged seventy seven
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 provisions made by the act
of Congress, passed June 15th 1832. That he
enlisted in the ^{Revolutionary} Army of the ^{Spring of the} year 1776. with
Capt. Frank Taylor, in Orange County
State of Virginia, for two years. That
soon after that time, he was marched with
the company commanded by the said Frank
Taylor (William Taylor being Lieutenant)
to Williamsburgh in the said State of Virginia
& then attached to the second Regt. of the line
of that State, commanded by Col. Botwellwood
and was there when Independence was
declared. In the latter part of the summer
the troops became very sickly and that
he and some others of the sick, were furloughed
home, that he himself was long sick, when
able to do so, he rejoined the company which
was marched to Memphis, where they were
encamped with the small Pof. The Capt.
(meaning Taylor) with such of the men as
got well first, went on, & joined the main
Army under Genl. Blount. Defendant

was left behind; as soon as he got able to
march, he fell in with Capt John Stokes, with
his company from Allamantic, and with him
went ~~and~~ rejoined his own company at head
quarters, (the place not recollcted), this was in the
Spring of the year 1777. Continued to do duty
~~at the Army camp~~ ^{with the Army} to be with it, in all its movements,
which were many until the Battle of Brandy-
wine, was in that Battle. Even after which
was detailed ^{with others} & marched to Mud Island fort, or
Fort Mifflin, in the Delaware, a little below
Philadelphia, the enemy then having command
of possession of the latter place. To get there,
they crossed the Delaware some distance above
Philadelphia, went silently down on the Jersey
side to some distance below - there, in the night
embarked in Boats, & went to the Fort, commanded
by Col Samuel Smith. how he done duty as
a Sergeant, during the whole of that evening,
in consequence of a Siege. Col Smith was of the
Maryland line. He was then attached to the
company commanded by Capt Thresh, who was
killed by a ball from the enemy striking on
his breast standing by a gun, the ~~bullet~~ ^{shot} from
front of it, striking the Capt, & killed him on
the spot. He witnessed the attack made on the
Fort (Red Bank) on the Jersey shore - the blowing
up of a British war vessel, set on fire by a
hot ball from the fort. At length, had to
abandon the place with but a small
portion of those brave men, who went in.
During this Siege, was wounded twice, by
splinters, knocked off the timber, by the various
balls. One badly, for ~~which~~ ^{which} died to appear
again. From this fort, marched under
our Gallant Commander Col Smith, &
rejoined the main Army at Valley Forge.
Continued here until Sep. March, 1778

when he was discharged except while on
duty at Ft Mifflin as above continued the whole
two years in the company commanded by Capt
Taylor as above ^{in the 1st Regt of Artillery} William Taylor, continuing
to act as Limb, other discharges not available.
Thinks Col Spotswood continued to command
the regt the whole time. He not certain but
Col Freebaker might have commanded it
the latter part of the service. Has lost his
discharge. Knows of no one now living within
six hundred miles, by whom he could prove
his service. He is not on any pension roll,
nor has he ever before, applied for a pension.
And that he hereby relinquishes every claim
whatsoever to a pension, or annuity except the
present. That when they abandoned Fort
Mifflin, they crossed over to Red Bank Fort,
marched up the river, recaptured the Delaware,
& went on to Valley Forge.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this
day & date above written

Saml W. McMurtry
Justice of the Peace

Jacob Barrers

And I the said Saml W. McMurtry Justice
of the peace as aforesaid. do declare it
as my opinion that the above applicant
was a revolutionary soldier & served as he
states. And I further declare that I have
lived for the last 16 or 17 years as neighbor
to the above named Jacob Barrers who
now resides, during which time
an acquaintance has been formed
to cordial. That I have often heard

State of Tennessee
Smith County On the 20th day of December 1838,
personally appeared before me John H. Ligon an
acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid,
Susannah Burrup, a resident of the said County of
Smith, aged seventy five years, who being duly sworn
according to law, doth, on her oath, make the follow-
ing declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the
provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July
7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and
pensions to certain widows," That she is the widow
of Jacob Burrup, late of the County of Smith,
aforesaid, who was a private in the Revolutionary war,
and that she remains unmarried. - That he, the
said Jacob Burrup, was a regular soldier in the
Virginia line of troops, - that he served five years, -
that he was in the battle of Brandywine; and, that
among the documentary evidence of his having served,
is the Certificate of General Samuel Smith of
Baltimore, that he served under him the said Smith,
at the siege of Mads Island fort, in the Delaware
river, - all of which, may be seen by referring to the
papers in the proper department.

She further declares, that she is the

widow of the identical Jacob Burrup, who was
a Pensioner, under former Acts of Congress; and that
she is the identical Susannah Burrup, whose name
was placed on the Pension Book at Nashville, in
the state aforesaid, in order to enable her, to obtain
the Pension money due to her husband the said
Jacob Burrup, after his death.

She further declares, that she was married to the
said Jacob Burrup, on the 1st day of March, in the
year, seventeen hundred and eighty one. - That her
husband, the aforesaid Jacob Burrup, died, on the
first day of October, eighteen hundred and thirty
two: - That she was not married to him prior to
his leaving the service, - but the marriage took place,
previous to the 1st day of January 1794, to wit
at the time above stated.

Susannah Burrup
in wit.

Given to and subscribed, on the day and year
above written, before me.

John H. Ligon Justice of the Peace

State of Tennessee
Smith County
On this 20th day of December 1883,
personally appeared before me John H. Ligon and

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BRIEF in the case of
County of Smith

Jacob Burris
in the State of *Tennessee*
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Justice*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity? *yes*
3. How old is he? *77*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days,		
<i>enlisted</i> In 1776 Spring	<i>2</i>	—	—	<i>As a Private</i> <i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Gen. Capt. F. Taylor 2nd reg. mt. Co. Line,</i> <i>Col. Spotswood, Col. Sam Smith</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged? *Brandywine & Siege of Fort Mifflin*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Orange City Va.*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary and a witness*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *The declaration is not attached to the Clerk's seal as required*

I **Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

J. Waugh

Examining Clerk.

September 20, 1934

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BA-J/MCS
Jacob Burrus, W. 340

Mrs. L. N. Walling
Rebel Hill
McMinnville
Tennessee

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your request for information in regard to Revolutionary War soldiers, Jacob Burrus and William Martin.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W. 340, based upon the military service of Jacob Burrus.

He enlisted in Orange County, Virginia, in the spring of 1776 and served in Captain Frank Taylor's company in the Second Virginia Regiment which was first commanded by Colonel Spotswood and after by Colonel Febiger. He was in the battle of Brandywine. Soon afterward he was detached from the Second Virginia Regiment and marched to Fort Mifflin and was in the siege there, in Captain Trent's company under Colonel Samuel Smith of the Maryland line. At this fort he was twice wounded by splinters knocked off the timbers by the enemy's balls. He then marched under Colonel Smith to Valley Forge and rejoined Captain Frank Taylor's company in the Second Virginia Regiment. He served as private with the exception of the time he was at Fort Mifflin when he served as sergeant. His entire service amounted to two years.

In the summer of 1778, after returning from military service, he ~~lived~~ to live with General Joseph Martin in Henry County, Virginia.

In March, 1781, Jacob Burrus married Susannah Martin, the daughter of General Joseph Martin.

Jacob Burrus was allowed pension on his application executed August 20, 1832, at which time he was seventy-seven years of age and was living in Smith County, Tennessee.

He died October 1, 1832, in Smith County, Tennessee.

As the widow of Jacob Burrus, said Susannah, was allowed pension on her application executed December 20, 1838, at which time she was seventy-five years of age and was living in Smith County, Tennessee.

In 1833 one William T. Burrus was thirty-three years of age and was living in Smith County, Tennessee, but his relation to the soldier was not given.

In 1832 the widow's brother, William Martin, then referred to as Colonel William Martin, was sixty-six years of age and was living in Smith County, Tennessee. He was living in Dixons Spring in 1833. The Revolutionary War records of this office fail to afford any information in regard to pension having been claimed on account of the service of this William Martin.

The papers in pension claim, N. 340, contain no further data relative to the family of Jacob Burrus.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator