

Pension Application for David Burns

W.26778 Ann DeNoyelles, DeNoyells, Former Widow

David Burns was born in Greenwich in Boston Government in New England, August the 18th 1758 between 11 & 12 o clock in the day.

Our daughter sill born was born in Harvarstraw Precinct May the 16th 1763 Near 12 o clock at Night.

Mary Burns was born in Harvarstraw Precinct June the 25th 1765 Nere of 4 O clock at night.

James Burns was born, in Harvarstraw Precinct April 2d 1768 Nere of 4 O clock in the afternoon.

James Burns departed this life, Setpember 16th 1772 near 11 of o clock in forenoon, aged 4 years 5 months & 14 days. @ 5 hours.

David Burns departed this life June [?] 1801 near [?] o clock in the afternoon.

Robert Burns was born November 5th 1795 in Haverstraw township about [?] clock in the afternoon.

Peggy Burns was born in Havarstraw township December the 25, 1797 about 6 o clock in the afternoon.

Thomas Burns was born in Havarstraw townshp February 7th 1799 about 5 o clock in the morning.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of October 1845 personally appeared before me George S. Allison one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, Ann DeNoyelles a resident of the town of Haverstraw in said county aged near 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, August the 23d 1842 Marched 3d and ____ 1844, that she is the widow of David Burns, who served during the Revolutionary war as follows.

That on or about the first of July 1776 the British having sailed up the Hudson River and anchored in Haverstraw Bay her said husband was called out in a company commanded by Capt. Edward Wm. Keirs in Coln A. Hawkes Hays Regiment and served as a private guarding along the shoar of said river and at other places nearly the whole time until the British left for New York, and served not less than two months, in tours of different lengths of time.

That from the commencement of the year 1777 to the close of the said war or at least to the end of the year 1781, her said husband continued to serve under the said Capt or some of his under officers or Capt John Gardener who in the year 1778 was appointed Capt of said company and after his death which was in the year 1780. Peter Allison was appointed Capt. one or other of the said officers, in said Regiment, in different places and at different, tours not less than two months in each year and she believes if the time of service had been minuted that a correct statement could be made that it would be double that time especially the first four years thereof but as their tours was form one day to two and three weeks, she is unable correctly to say how much service her said husband rendered in each year which was performed either as a Sergeant or a private as she was informed her said husband served in both capacities.

She also declares that she was married to the said David Burns on the twenty third day of December in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three; that her said husband, the aforesaid David Burns died on the fourth of June, eighteen hundred and four; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated.

She further declares that after the death of the husband aforesaid she was married to John DeNoyells, that he died on the ninth day of August, eighteen hundred and thirty two, and that she still remains a widow.

She further declares that the annexed leaf is cut out of an old family Bible her first husband's father the Rev'd David Burns and is in his handwriting until the death of her first husband, the remainder is in the handwriting of her father Thomas Goldtrap, the Bible is now in her possession. (Signed) Ann DeNoyells Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written before me. G. S. Allison, Judge &c.

Thomas Goldtrap, his book

1st child, James, Deceased, 2nd child Martha born November 14th 1767, 3rd child Sarah born August 11, 1769, 4th child Margaret born July 27th 1771, Anne born November 5th 1773 and married the 22d December 1793 to David Burns.

Thomas Goldtrap departed this life October the fifth, eighteen hundred and twelve in the eighty eighth year of his age.