

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

National Number

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ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, William Melton Burney being of the age of 37 years

hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from

George Harris

who was born in Cumberland Co. Pa. on the 1 day of Dec. 1762

and died in North Carolina on the day of March 1839

and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Columbia County of Richland
State of South Carolina on the fourth day of February 1829

(1) I am the son of William B. Burney born 1852, died , and
his wife Minnie Melton Burney born 1860, died , married 1883

(2) grandson of Samuel W. Melton born 1830, died 1899, and
his wife Mary Helen Gore born 1834, died 1901, married 1857

(3) great-grandson of Samuel Melton born 1789, died 1861, and
his wife Sarah Thompson Harris born 1796, died 1851, married 1814

(4) great-great-grandson of George Harris born 1762, died 1839, and
his wife Anne Eakin born , died 1824, married

(5) great-great-great-grandson of David Harris born , died 1778, and
his wife Elizabeth James born , died , married

(6) great-great-great-grandson of born , died , and
his wife born , died , married

(7) great-great-great-great-grandson of born , died , and
his wife born , died , married

and he, the said George Harris (No. 4.) is the ancestor who assisted in

establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Soldier

NOTE: It is not absolutely necessary for admission to membership that all blank spaces provided for dates and pre-Revolutionary ancestors be filled, but it is extremely desirable.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society.

W. M. Burney
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Signature of applicant, (Name in full)

William Melton Burney

Address, 2100 Wheat Street, Columbia, S.C.

Occupation, Life Insurance

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

"SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—*Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 3, 1907.*

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

George Clois, the soldier of the American Revolution from whom I claim descent was a soldier under General Davidson in 1780, and again served in 1781 in the army of General Greene in the campaign which ended with the battle of Guilford Court House, N. C. His name is found in the rolls of the North Carolina Militia in both campaigns from Mecklenburg County, N. C., where it is spelled Clavier, the original way of spelling it.

David Clois, the father of George Clois, in 1775 and prior, had a land estate at the north end of the Cove north of McConnellsburg, Pa. said McConnell being the husband of Mary Clois the eldest daughter of David. Here David Clois built a fort and manured it with his hired help, his family and neighbors who fled to it for refuge. The Indians who committed the Wyoming Massacre in Pennsylvania in 1776 and 1777 attacked Clois Fort. but retired repulsed after three days fighting. In this battle the Rev. James, father of our ancestor Elizabeth James, was killed. She was wounding bullets and continued to do so after her father's death. For proof refer to Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit—Biography of Rev. Francis Cummings D. D. This battle is given in a history of Pennsylvania. I am entitled to a son for Rev. Mr. James, one for Elizabeth James, one for David Clois, and one for George Clois. All did military service. Refer also to White's Encyclopedia of American Biography, Vol. 7, and to Hallam's Bench and Bar of Arkansas, Biography of Judge Samuel Williams, grandson of George Clois and son of Judge Samuel W. Williams.