

John Byrne

(FPA s42108) The wound of John Byrne (aka Burns) seems more typical of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. If seriously wounded at Cowpens, recovery in time for Guilford would be difficult. However a wound at Guilford CH could explain the absence from the Siege at Yorktown. Because the two engagements are stated out of order with Cowpens last, then the wound account, we guess that the wound was at Cowpens.

Ohio certificate 12,351 issued for John Burns
Sergeant under Colonel Heath for six years
Ridgeville, Warren County, Ohio

The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before the subscriber judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, John Burns, of Wayne County, Indiana, who being duly sworn according to law saith, that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight, he enlisted under Major Webb at Middlebrook in the Jersey in the third Virginia regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col. Heath in the company commanded by Captain Bateup, and that under his enlistment he continued to serve truly and faithfully until the close of the War, at which time he received his discharge from Col Crocket. That during the service he was in the battles of Monmouth, Marinack, Hakensack, Guilford, & **Cowpens**, that he was **wounded** in his head, his skull fractured, and was also wounded in his ankle – he never applied for a pension. The said John Burns further states that he is seventy nine years old this month, is infirm, and his circumstances are extremely reduced, so that he stands in need of the aid of his government, for whose aid he applies under the law of the last session of Congress, providing for those whose circumstances are reduced and who served nine months or more in the revolutionary war.

John. Byrne

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28th June 1818.

John McLean

Standard supporting affidavit by John Gay.