

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Murphy VAS408

vsl 13VA

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do, with the advice of Council, hereby certify that James Murphy of Montgomery County, about 32 years old late Private in the 6th Virginia Regiment, appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the Service of the Continent as to enable him to the sum of Eighteen pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence on the first day of January 1786

Given under my hand at Richmond, this 3rd day of January 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry]

Murphy has received full pay as a pensioner from November 1780

Montgomery County April 1789

James Murphua [sic] of this County produced a warrant from under the hand of Patrick Henry by which it appears that the said James aged about 32 years was disabled in the service of the United States as a Soldier in the 6th Virginia Regiment & thereby is entitled to a pension of 18 pounds p annum, ordered that the same be recorded & that it be certified that he still continues [to] be the same Object & all to receive the same pension he having proved to the satisfaction the court that he is the same man &c.

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Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck, *Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905*, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2011
page 587 has the following entry regarding a man named James Murphy:

"Murphy, James. Va. Pvt. He served in the 6th Va. Regiment. He lived in Montgomery County in 1786 and was 32 years old. He later lived in Wythe County. He may be identical to the James Murphey who lost his right arm at Col. Buford's defeat* and who was awarded a £500 gratuity and a full set of clothes on 15 Nov. 1780. He was on the 1813 pension list."

* May 29, 1780, Battle of the Waxhaws or Buford's Defeat