

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Edward Murray, James Murray and Charles Murray
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To the Executive of Virginia

Your memorialists James Murray, and Jane Bladen of Fairfax County State of Virginia respectfully represent that they are the sole heirs at law of Edward, James and Charles Murray who were soldiers in the War of the Revolution. Your memorialists say that they are the nephew & niece of the two former, and the children of the last named soldier. That the said Edward and James never married. That the said Charles [paper damaged and text illegible] him before the said Edward and James, from Scotland and with the said Edward, James or Charles settled permanently in any part of the country, although they were residents, before the War of the Revolution came on. When said War came on, or at some time during its continuance the said James and Charles Murray enlisted in the Virginia Continental Line – that they were not in the same part of the [paper damaged, text missing] said James was discharged at the Winchester Barracks at the end of the war. Said Charles was discharged when he left the service & memorialist James [paper damaged, text missing] discharges since [one or more words illegibly faint], stating that he had served faithfully – the said Charles was at one time in Hugh Stephenson's Company & was in Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] rifle Corps – Memorialists have frequently [illegibly faint word or words] that possession of the rifles & [illegibly faint word] belonging [several illegibly faint words] in said service. Their father was at the battle of Trenton [December 26, 1776]. Your memorialist state that their uncle Edward was in the N. Western Army – at what period he enlisted they have no knowledge. They have frequently heard their father speak of his brothers Edward and James and the circumstances of their being separated whilst in service. The said Edward died in Richmond in Virginia. The said James died in Jefferson County & the said Charles died in Fauquier County – your Memorialist James has a son called James Edward so-called after himself & the said Edward Murray & said memorialist was called after said James. Your memorialists therefore pray that their claim for the land bounty which may be due you from Virginia on account of the said services of the said Edward, James and Charles Murray may be referred for examination – and that the proof which they have [one or more indecipherable words], procure may be received and taken into evidence here with such evidence as the public records may furnish, in order to maintain their said claims – Your memorialists find that they have to encounter very great difficulty in proof of their relationship to the soldiers Edward & James, in consequence of having few or no connections in the country. The remoteness of the residence of their said uncles after the close of the War & their early decease after that period – and therefore pray that our allowances may be made on those

accounts – that he will &c

S/ James Murray

S/ Jane Bladen, X her mark

[Attested in Fairfax County Virginia November 23, 1834]

State of Virginia Fairfax County to wit

This day personally came before me Thomas Moss a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Delilah Williams aged of doubt 51 years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that she was well acquainted with Charles Murray now deceased for many years, and that he died in Fairfax County about 12 or 13 years ago, that she frequently heard him speak of his deceased brothers Edward and James Murray and their services in the Revolutionary War. The said Charles Murray was also a soldier in said War as she has frequently heard him say. That the said James Murray sent to his brother Charles Murray a trunk with sundry clothing, part of which is now in the possession of Jane Bladen as also the trunk he also sent a watch to one of the family. That the said Charles Murray died leaving only 2 surviving children to wit James Murray and Jane Bladen, which are heirs at law of the said Charles – and further she saith not.

Sworn to this 10 day of May 1834

S/ Thomas Moss, JP

[Amelia Jones, 51, also given an almost identical affidavit to that given by Delilah Williams. Her affidavit was also dated May 10, 1834 and attested by Thomas Moss, JP.]