

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Murcheson (Morcheson) R7362

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State of Virginia County of Campbell Sct.

On this tenth day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting, John Murcheson, a resident of the County aforesaid in the state aforesaid aged sixty-seven years and eleven months, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Sergeant Leech of the Continental line as Substitute for Moses Walker who had been drafted as a militia man to serve a three months tour of duty in the winter of 1781 – '82. That he served the said tour of duty of three months in the County of Bedford, now Campbell, at the Otter Church, where a considerable quantity of Military stores was deposited. That during the time of his said service he frequently saw Captains Irish, Green, Reid, and Lieutenant Price, all of the regular troops, who were then stationed at New London, about five miles from the Otter Church. At the end of his said term of service, he was discharged, but whether he got a written discharge or not, he does not recollect. That in the spring and summer of the year 1782 he performed another Tour of duty of three months, in the County aforesaid under the following circumstances, to wit, Colonel James Calloway, the Colonel Commandant of the militia of Bedford County, agreed with the declarer, that if he would serve three months, as an artificer, for the public service, he should have credit for another three months tour of duty. This service he did perform, much to the satisfaction of the aforesaid Captain Irish, who had command of the troops & control of the military stores at New London & at Otter Church. For this last service he never received anything except his daily rations. That he was born in the County of Caroline in Virginia, on the 2nd day of October 1764, according to a register of his age, now in his possession, & removed to the County of Bedford (now Campbell) in the winter 1779, where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. That he can prove the aforesaid services by John Prebble of this County, and by no other person that he now knows of.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Murcheson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Murcheson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Henry Brown, a clergyman, and John Prebble gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Campbell John Preble and made oath according to law that he lived in the neighborhood of Otter Church in the year 1781 – '82 and was acquainted with John Murcheson and knew that he served a tour of duty at the place above named in the then County of Bedford – and further says that in the summer of the year 1782 he knows said John Murcheson served a tour of duty at New London in the then County of Bedford now Campbell.

Given under my hand this 9th day of September 1833
S/ Paulett Clark

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. I was born in the County of Caroline, Virginia the 2nd day of October 1764.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I have a record of my age now in my possession.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. When called into Service (both tours) I was living in the County of Bedford (now Campbell by division of Counties). I have lived in the same County (Campbell) since the revolutionary war within a few miles of where I now live in the same County of Campbell.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Ansr. The first tour I was a substitute for Moses Walker who was drafted: the 2nd tour I volunteered and served as artificer for the public Service (reference the annexed declaration.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr. Sergeant Leech, Captains Irish, Green, Reid and Col. Calloway the Commandant of the Regiment were some of the regular officers who were with the troops where I served, I have no distinct recollection of any Continental & militia regiments at that time and for the General Circumstances of my Service references had to the annexed declaration for particulars &c.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr. For the first tour whether I received a written discharge or not, I do not now recollect – for the last tour I received no written discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. Abner Early, Peyton Leftwitch, Genl. Joel Leftwitch, Jno. Alexander, Jno. Pribble and many others if necessary