

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Murcer (Mercer) R7502

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State of Alabama Talladega County}

On this 28th day of March 1842 Personally appeared before me Green T. McAfee Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid James Murcer a resident in the County of Talladega and State of Alabama aged Eighty years (80) 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 the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the Service of the United States the first of August 1780 was living in Chester district South Carolina he volunteered for the Term of three months the company was commanded by Captain McLinn [?]. They marched to Florida the Regiment was commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and served out his three months and was discharged he returned home then on the first of January 1781 he volunteered for three months the Company was commanded by Captain Henry Fulwoth [Henry Fullenweider] was living in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina was marched down on the Catawba River. The Battalion was under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] served out his time and being discharged returned home he then volunteered on the 2nd or 3rd of July 1781 for three months. The company was under the command of Captain Hugh Morgan was marched down about 10 miles from Wilmington on Cape Fear River the Regiment was under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and remained under his command until we received the news of Cornwallis's defeat [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] he was then discharged serving out his three tours of three months each he states that he served with no Continental regiments or companies that he had seen many of the Regular officers but was not personally acquainted with any. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person in this state whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of March 1842.

S/ Green T. McAfee, Judge County Court  
Talladega County Alabama

S/ James Mercer  
By G. T. McAfee at his Request

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Answers to Interrogatories from the war department

Answer to 1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory<sup>1</sup>

He was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in June 1762

Answer to this 2nd interrogatory -- He says he has none and knows of no person that has being left an orphan

Answer to 3rd Interrogatory -- In Amelia County Virginia

Answer to 4th Interrogatory -- he volunteered 3 times and served 3 months each time

Answer to 5th Interrogatory -- He states that he had seen many of the regular officers but had no acquaintance with any Served with no Continental Regiment that he recollects and the General occurrences or circumstances of his service is such as he has Related in his declaration --

Answer to 6th Interrogatory -- He states that he never did receive any --

Answer to 7th Interrogatory -- He refers to the Reverend Harris Taylor, James Hodge and Samuel McLelland --

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of March 1842.

S/ Green T. McAfee, Judge County Count

S/ James Mercer

Talladega County Alabama

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[Samuel McLelland and James Hodge gave the standard supporting affidavit. Harris Taylor is also a signatory but he is not named in the affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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.]