

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Murdach (Murdock, Murdoch) R7507 Margaret f13NC
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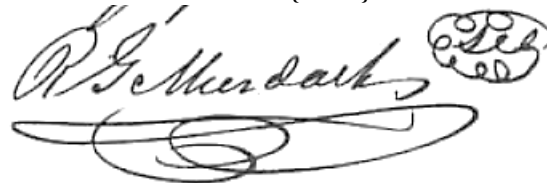
State of North Carolina County of Randolph } S.S.

On this 3rd day of November 1847 Personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for the County aforesaid, Robt G. Murdach [Robert G Murdach], son of James & Margaret Murdach, the aforesaid James Murdach late deceased in Orange County North Carolina; & who served as a private in the Revolutionary War &; served in the North Carolina line of militia & Margaret Murdach his widow now Deceased who through her son Robt G. Murdach is applying for a Pension due their heirs for the Revolutionary service of the James Murdach late deceased as aforesaid.

That the aforesaid Robt G. Murdach, son of the aforesaid James & Margaret Murdach, after being first sworn in common form of law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 4th 1836. That James Murdach as aforesaid was first drafted in the County of Orange & in North Carolina to serve a three months tour in the Militia thereof under Captain McNight [probably Capt. John Knight] & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & served in the Year 1780 & after having been in the Army as aforesaid at the least three months was discharged from this Tour of service.

The next tour of Service James Murdach as above named volunteered in the County of Orange State of North Carolina, in the year 1780 to serve a three months tour in the North Carolina line of Militia under Captain Jemison [William Jamieson] & General Greene during which term of service the aforesaid James Murdach was at the Battle of General Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] in South Carolina as this deponent has often heard his father the aforesaid James Murdach say, & after having served in this his last tour of service over three months was honorably discharged from the Army in this his last tour of service, & that he the aforesaid Robert G. Murdach do not know that the name of James Murdach is inscribed on any Agency or Muster Roll in this nor that of any other State within the United States. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written in presence of said Court.

S/ R. G. Murdach {Seal}

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "R. G. Murdach". To the right of the signature is a circular seal impression, which appears to be a red wax seal, though the color is not clearly visible. Below the signature and seal is a large, decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping loops.

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State of North Carolina Orange County } Personally appeared before me Hezekiah Terry one of
the Justices of the peace for said County William Bows and after being duly sworn according to
law deposeth & saith as follows respecting the case of the Heirs of James Murdach Senior
deceased who was a revolutionary Soldier in the revolution war who saith that he was born and
always lived in the neighborhood of said James Murdach deceased and his Wife Margaret, and
that they had the following named Children (to wit) Mary, John, Robert G., James, Andrew,
Elizabeth and Susannah, all of which were the lawful children of the aforesaid James & Margaret
Murdach deceased, both of which are deceased & this affiant further saith that he is in the 82nd
year of his age and remembers of hearing the reports of the cannon at the time of the battle at
Guilford, Said witness further saith, that said James Murdach was in the service at that time and
he has always understood from said deceased, that he was in the battle [Guilford County Court
House, March 15, 1781] and the battle in South Carolina where General Gates was defeated the
year before, and from his knowledge of the character and standing in society of said James
Murdach deceased he believes that he was a man of Truth and one whom all confidence could be
placed in. Said witness having a brother in the service at the same time but does not recollect the
name of the Captain which they served under, said affiant further saith that he always understood
that the said James Murdach died that he served 2 tours but does not recollect the length of the
time but very well remembers of his being as was then called in the war & thinks he was out 2
tours. Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of July 1847 before me.
S/ H. Terry, JP

S/ William Bows

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Bows". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William Bows".