

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bartholomew Murphey (Murphy) R7508 Anna Murphey A42NC¹
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[image 34 of Ancestry.com version]

State of Tennessee Perry County} SS Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this __ day of October personally appeared in open court before us the court of Pleas and quarter sessions now sitting Bartholomew Murphey a resident of said County of Perry and State of Tennessee aged seventy-three years the 9th December next -- who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

This declarant states that he was born in Anson County North Carolina on the 7th day of December 1759. This declarant states that he entered the service in the County of Anson North Carolina as a drafted militia man under Captain Drury Ledbetter in the year 1777 or as near that time as he can recollect he thinks in October of the same year that he was marched to Salisbury where he with the rest of the Company had rendezvoused but the rest of the troops had left the Company to which he belonged & his Captain marched on and overtook them at the ten mile house from Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina]. Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] was his Colonel & commanded the company to which this declarant belonged & that General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] commanded the Brigade we then marched for Savannah from thence but we on our march at Purysburg [Purysburg] understood that the Americans and French troops under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & the Count d'Estaing had been defeated at Savannah² we then lay at Purysburg some 2 months when there was a call for our Infantry Company & there met about 250 volunteers to go on & we were under Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] & this declarant's Captain's name was Smith none of the [other] Company officers recollected but the Captain's, our Major's name was Nelson we marched from Purysburg to Augusta Georgia or in sight of the Town -- there we remained for some time reconnoitering up and down the River at length we were joined by General Ash [sic, John Ashe] of North Carolina on the day which Ashe joined us the British who had all along been in possession of Augusta abandoned it & marched towards Savannah General Ashe then crossed the River & pursued them & the Company to which this declarant belonged & [word missing as a result of a tear in the paper] with them when we came to the bridge at the mouth of Brier Creek where we expected to cross the British had

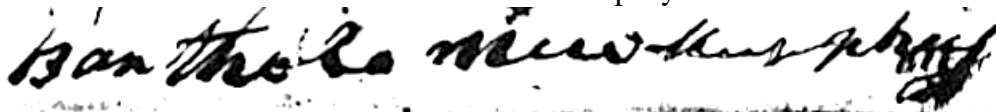
¹ This man is not included in Fold3.com's index of NC veterans. The papers relating to his and his widow's claims are erroneously included in the file of Hardy Murfree BLWT1528-450 on Fold3. His claim is properly indexed in Ancestry.com's files. This note was made June 1, 2009 and updated 9/17/17.

² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

burnt down the bridge & we were thereby prevented from crossing we lay here until the 3rd day of March 1778 [sic, 1779] as this declarant believes when the British attacked and defeated³ us killing about 100 or upwards & made prisoners of about 125, number of wounded not recollected from thence we retreated & crossed Savannah River and marched to a place called the Two Sisters [ferry] when we got there this declarant attached to the company he belonged to at first we were stationed here some 2 or 3 weeks from thence we marched to Black Swamp there we continued until this declarant was discharged which was on the 14th April 1778 [sic, 1779] his discharge was signed by Colonel Locke. This declarant served after this under several officers at different times sometimes in North Carolina & sometimes in the South as a Ranger or spy against the Tories & ~~Indians~~ British upwards of 18 months his officers names were Captain Fare [sic, probably Capt. James Farr] & Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade] on these ranging expeditions in which this declarant suffered much more than on his former expedition all of which services he rendered as a volunteer there was none of the regular Army with this declarant (or any of the Continental line as he remembers) declarant left the service as near as he can recollect in the year 1782. He has no documentary evidence at this time & knows of none by which he can prove his services. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Bartholomew Murphey



[Samuel Eakin, a clergyman, and Jeremiah Wood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[image 46]

A declaration Supplementary to a declaration made by Bartholomew Murphey in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 made on the 16th of October 1832 before the County Court of Perry County

This declarant states that he served [2 or more words obliterated] first engagement as a private soldier under Captain Drury Ledbetter in a Militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke and received ^{the full term & time of 6 months} his discharge from Colonel Locke on the 14th day of April 1779, but which was burned up at a time when this declarant was out on another expedition in his mother's house the next time this declarant was out in the service he was under Captain Fair [James Farr] -- in the year 1780 and he served the full term and time of 3 months as a private. In the latter end of the same year he volunteered under Captain [words obliterated] on this expedition the full term of time of 6 months he saith he served on the 2nd and 3rd terms as a volunteer private soldier he then went out and served by order of Colonel Wade to guard the frontiers along Pedee [River] to keep the enemy from crossing and served this tour 2 months. The same year he volunteered & went out under Colonel Wade and served 3 months. In the year 1782 he served under Captain Wilson [George Wilson] as a private volunteer soldier 3 months then after this he was again ordered out by Colonel Wade & served in the same capacity as before stated 2 months he was out one other tour under Captain Bogan [Patrick Boggan] and served 3 months -- he never had but one discharge from the service. Sworn to Subscribed in open Court

³ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>
Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779

Test S/ Jesse Taylor, Clerk

S/ Bartholomew Murphey

[image 48]

Questions by the court

1st Where & in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Anson County North Carolina in the year 1759

2nd have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Answer the record of my age has been burned

3rd where were you living when called [into] service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer Anson County North Carolina when called

All questions were satisfactorily answered as required by the department.

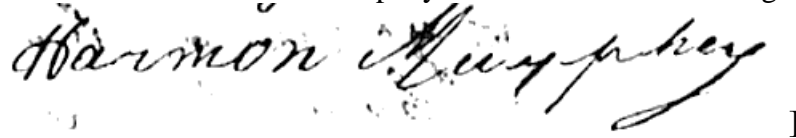
[image 42: In April 1842 the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Tennessee agency to the Arkansas agency giving as his reason for moving to Arkansas "that his Children Removed to this State and therefore he believes it to be to his interest to be with them for his satisfaction and his old age." Image 43: Bartholomew Murphy Junior supported the veteran's application.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bartholomew Murphy Junior". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style. The word "Junior" is written in a smaller, more compact script at the end of the name.

[image 31: On October 18, 1845 in Poinsett County Arkansas in the Township of Greenville, the widow surrendered the veteran's pension certificate stating that the veteran lived in Poinsett County Arkansas or about 3 years and 6 months prior to his death and prior thereto had resided in. County Tennessee. She signed this document with her mark.]

[image 38: On March 26, 1846, Anna Murphy, 78, a resident of Poinsett County Arkansas, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Bartholomew Murphy, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him November 15, 1784; that he died January 21, 1845. She signed her application with her mark.]

[image 40: Harmon Murphey, relationship not stated, gave testimony that Anna Murphey the widow of Bartholomew Murphey has not married following his death.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harmon Murphey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style. The word "Murphey" is written in a larger, more prominent script than "Harmon".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow's application for a pension was rejected.]