

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Mark Murray (Murry) R7522

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Virginia. to wit:

On this 23rd day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the county Court of Halifax, Mark Murry a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged about 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. that entered the service of the United States in Caroline County, about the year 1777 by enlistment for one year. [und]er Lieutenant Jones and served out the full Term of that enlistment under Capt Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes; see endnote] and was stationed during that Period at Williamsburg in Virginia and was there discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid, so that I cannot now obtain it nor do I know of any person now living by whom I can prove the services stated. I was born and raised in the County of Caroline and removed from thence to Hanover County in Virginia, some short time after the above mentioned services and discharge – when I was drafted and marched from Hanover to the South, by, Capt Parke Goodall crossed Roanoke River marched by Hillsborough [NC] and was engaged in the battle of Gates’ defeat between Rugeley’s Mill and Camden [Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] – after the engagement the Army separated and rendezvoused at Massie’s ford, on Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River], from thence, I was marched back to Hillsborough – from thence to Guilford Courthouse N.C. where I was discharged the fall preceding the battle at that place [on 15 Mar 1781], by Colo Mims, which discharge is also lost or mislaid & I know of no Person living by whom I can prove these latter services, which continued from the 1st day of June to the 8th day of November inclusive being five months & 8 days. I was called out by draft several times afterwards, from the said County of Hanover & served a few weeks on each draft but how long I cannot now recollect. I removed from the County of Hanover aforesaid to this County (Halifax) about forty years ago where I have resided ever since

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State Mark hisXmark Murray

Virginia Halifax County SS

August the 28th 1834

Personally appeared before me, the under signed a Justice of the peace in the county aforesaid, Mark Murry who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that by reason of old age, and consequent loss of Memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades.

I inlisted with or under Lieutenant Jones about the commencement of the revolutionary war and served as a private solder, Capt Haws for the Period of twelve month, but do not reccollect the Col’n. nor the reg’t. we belonged neither can I tell whether it was in the state troops or continental line I served but recollect I received bounty money.

I was drafted and served some time after but do not recollect the date under Capt. Goodall, for the Period of five month & eight days as near as I can ascertain from the register of one of my Children that was born the day after I arived home. except this circumstance I could not have been so precise in that period of sevice. I recollect no officers of Note in this tour of service except Gen’l. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens]. As to the other tours I cannot recollect the precise time I served but to the best of my knowledge the first of the two last mentioned tours in my decleration. I served at Richmond not less than three weeks. And one other tour I served not less than ten days also at Richmond. Making in all I served as a private soldier in the militia not less than six month & eight days. The only officers I recollect in two tours at Richmond was Col’n. [William] Dandridge.

I can not ascertain what date I was born having no record of my age but think after reflection that I am

past the age stated in my decliration from the circumstances of my being exempt from militia duty forty years ago and my knoledge of Bradocks war [sic: Gen. Edward Braddock, French and Indian War, 1754-1763] which induces me to believe that I am not less than eighty odd years old

I was living in Caroline & Hanover Counties when I rendered my services, have lived in Halifax County and state of Virginia since the revolutionary war and do now live in the same

I enlisted volentarily in the first instance of my services for twelve month, but cannot say in what line – for the ballance of my service I was drafted

I have a verry imperfect recollection of the Officers, Reg'ts and the various circumstances of my services as I paid little or no attention to anything but the duty assigned to me. I received two or three discharges but never expected to want them, and I believe they lost or distroyed. Alexander Cunigan, John S Vaughan, Thomas Watkins, James Warren and others in the neighbourhood by whom I am known, and who can testify as to my Character for varacity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I cannot procure a clergiman there being none near me and I know [no] living person by whom I can prove my services.

Mark hisXmark Murry

NOTE: In 1777 Samuel Hawes was a Captain in the 2nd Virginia Continental Regiment under Col. Alexander Spotswood and Col. Christian Febiger.