

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Murray R7524 VA
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Pension Office May 2, 1833

Sir, Your claim to a Pension under the act of June 7 1832 has been examined. As you have not stated in your declaration how long you served, and as you say that you are unwilling to give a more particular statement, it is not in the power of this Dept. to determine whether or not you are entitled to the benefits of the above mentioned act. Your papers will be filed with rejected claims in this office.
Mr. Reuben Murray of Fauquier Co. Va.

Pension Office Dec 9, 1850

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. respecting the case of Reuben Murray, I have the honor to inform you that all the papers filed in his case were transmitted to the Hon J. Fornance of the House of Representatives on the 8th April 1842, and have not been returned to this office.

[The file contains no further information regarding Murray's service, but he made the following statement in support of the pension application of Robert Combs S8251:]

Also Reuben Murray who being duly sworn according to law, saith that he is 70 years old, that he served a tour in the Militia of Virginia in the year 1781 that he marched in a company commanded by Capt James Winn to Williamsburg and were stationed about there some time before the siege of Yorktown in which service he was engaged and continued til its capitulation and guarding a part of the prisoners to the barracks at Winchester where he was discharged; during said service the company was transfered to a Captain Linn Sharp [sic: Linchfield Sharpe R17780]; and Robert Combs who hath made the forgoing declaration was drafted in said service, was a messmate with the said Reuben during said tour and discharged at the same time and place with him – Given under my hand this 21st day of August in the year 1832 –
James Pickett

[Murray made the following statment in support of the pension application of the widow of John Deane (Dean) W6998:]

State of Virginia } Ss
Fauquier County }

This day [30 March 1837] personally appeared before me James S. Pickett one of the commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Reuben Murray aged seventy five years, and being first duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith, That he this deponent served two tours in the Militia of the State of Virginia in the Revolutionary War – first; at the time the British landed at old Jamestown, and the second tour at the siege of York Town Va. in 1781, that he this deponent was a Sergeant in Capt. Linsfield Sharps Company of Militia at the Siege of York Town Va. that deponent was acquainted with a John Dean a Revolutionary Soldier then in service; deponent does not know what Company said John Dean was attached to, for the soldiers were frequently transfered, but said J. Dean was attached to the same Regiment with this deponent, which was commanded by Colo. Elias Edmunds; dep't is not certain which of the tours he saw the said John Dean in the service of the Revolutionary War, but his impressions are that it was at the Siege of York Town – and further this deponent saith not —
Reuben Murray

NOTE: An abstract of a copy of the pension application in the Fauquier County court records was made by J. T. McAllister for his book Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War (1913). It reads as follows: Section No. 244 MURRAY, REUBEN.— Fauquier, Aug. 29, 1832. Born, 1762. First tour in spring of 1781, under Capt. Turner Morehead, and Colonels Armistead, Churchill [sic: Armistead Churchill] and

Dabney [probably Charles Dabney]. Was at Williamsburg till the British advanced. Second tour at siege of Yorktown under Captains James Winn and Linn Sharp and Col. Elias Edmonds. Was made sergeant. Guarded prisoners to Winchester and there discharged.