

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Murray R7526

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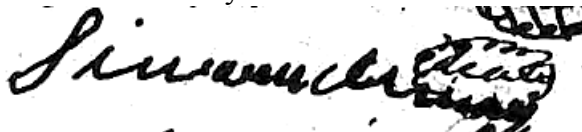
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 3]

Virginia Madison County to wit:

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1848 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Madison Simeon Murray Esquire who being first duly sworn according to law; declares and says; that he is sixty-two years of age, that he is the only child now living of James Murray his father late of Culpeper County Virginia, that his said Father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and acted as he believes as an officer for at least three tours in the Militia from the County of Culpeper, that he has frequently heard his Father speak of his service in the Revolution, and recollects particularly that he has heard him say that he had served five tours in the Militia from Culpeper County, and that he had been Quartermaster and Lieutenant, and that he had frequently been offered the Captain's place by General Stephens [presumably Edward Stevens] but that he would not except it. That he had heard him say, that he was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at Yorktown, and saw him surrender his sword at that time, that after that he assisted in conducting the prisoners to Winchester Virginia. That he heard old Mr. Billy Yowell<sup>1</sup> who was a pensioner and now dead say that his father James Murray was with him when the said prisoners were conducted to Winchester. That he remembers well his father mentioned that he had served under Captain Bohannon, Captain Joseph Earley and Captain Gillison all of Culpeper County; That he does not recollect all the particulars of said service but he is well convinced his said father served some length of time, from the fact that he remembers well that he has told him many things in connection with the War, which he has entirely forgotten. That his said father never received any pension for his services during his lifetime, and that he departed this life in March 1813, as well as he can recollect, leaving a widow his Mother, who died in 1841. That his said Mother remained the Widow of his said Father until her death never having made any application for a pension under either of the acts of Congress passed for the benefit of widows, and that he now makes the this declaration in order to receive the "unpaid pension" due his said Mother under the Acts of Congress of July 1836 and 1838.

S/ Simeon Murray



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Virginia Madison County to wit

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<sup>1</sup> [William Yowell \(Yowel, Youell\) W5551](#)

This day personally appeared before me Benjamin Hoffman [sic] and made oath in due form of law that he was acquainted with James Murray of Culpeper County who was a soldier in the revolutionary war in 1781 he served a tower [tour] in the Virginia Militia under Captain Bohannon from Culpeper County and that James Murray the father of Simeon Murray the said James Murray and himself went down together and were boys in the same neighborhood and he recollects him well that said tower was one of three months in which he cannot be mistaken and was served out by said Murray & himself

S/ Benjamin Huffman [sic], X his mark

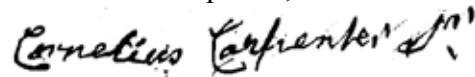
[Attested in Madison County Virginia July 23, 1846]

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Virginia Madison County, to wit

This day personally appeared before me Cornelius Carpenter, and made oath in due form of law that he was acquainted with James Murry [sic] of the County of Culpeper, the father of Simeon Murry [sic] of the County of Madison. The said James Murry who was as I believe, a Lieutenant, in the revolutionary war in 1781, and served a full tour in the Virginia Militia under Captain Joseph Earley. That said tour was one of three months, and was served out by said Murry and himself, in the same County, in and about Williamsburg, and old James Town.

S/ Cornelius Carpenter, Sr.



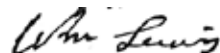
[attested in Madison County Virginia in September 1846 – the day of the month is illegible. In the acknowledgment, the Justice of the Peace took it makes reference to the affiant being 87 years old as of his next birthday (not stated).]

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State of Virginia Culpeper County to wit

I William Lewis aged 86 years old next birthday hereby certify under oath to the truth of the following facts: That I was well acquainted with James Murray the father of Simeon Murray and know that I served a full tour of two months in the Militia from the County of Culpeper with him in 1781, our company was drafted about the first of July or in the early part of July and from that opinion from the recollection that one of our company pointed to his crop of wheat on the mountains which we could see from Culpeper CH [Court House], we were marched from [word written over and illegible] and joined the main Army at Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond thence up to Richmond, & thence into King William [County], our company was discharged in and about Williamsburg. Captain Ambrose Bohannon was our Captain and James Murray was Lieutenant, and Littleton Taylor Ensign, Jonathan Garrett and myself were two of the Sergeants, and Zachariah Gibbs, the other I don't recollect I knew James Murray well & know that he was Lieutenant in Captain Bohannon's company & that he served with me in which I am positive. I was acquainted with James Murray & Susan his wife they lived in about 5 miles of my present place of residence, I am old & do not travel much I did not see them after, I cannot say when they died. I know that they were neighbors so considered and died in this County Culpeper, as to the time I cannot say. I am in receipt of my annual pension at this time to the amount of \$20 a year.

S/ Wm Lewis



[Lewis's<sup>2</sup> affidavit was attested on March 23, 1849 in Culpeper County Virginia.]

[p 2: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Culpeper County Virginia and dated March 23, 1779 issued to James Murray and Henry Aylor [sic] conditioned upon the marriage of James Murray and Susanna Ayler [sic]

[p 24: On October 6, 1848 in Culpeper County Virginia, Polly Hitt, wife of William Hitt, 54, gave testimony that she was acquainted with Susan Murray wife of James Murray; that at the time of her death, Susan Murray was on a visit to the affiant's house; that Susan Murray died at the affiant's father's (Jacob Aylor's) house in Culpeper County Virginia; that affiant's father is now dead; that affiant saw Susan Murray buried in July 1841.

*Polly Hitt*  
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Virginia Culpeper County to wit

This day personally appeared before me John Creal<sup>3</sup> and made oath in due form of law that he was acquainted with James Murray of Culpeper County who was a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Captain Bohannon of the said County, he being the Captain under which I marched to the Mobbin Hills and James Murray the Father of Simeon Murray was Lieutenant at that time in said Company to the best of my recollection it was about the year 1780, my age being 82 years next birthday.

S/ John Creal, X his mark

[Attested in Culpeper County July 30, 1846]

[p 31: the following document is in this file but clearly doesn't relate to this veteran, if these services rendered by him as above set forth are reflective of the service actually rendered.]

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1785 in the name of James Murray as Soldier of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £16.2.8, delivered to Thomas Hord but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1853.

S/ Ro Johnston

Auditor of Public Accounts

[No Seal of Office]

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S8827

<sup>3</sup> [John Creel W534](#)