

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Patrick Murvin S1239

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State of Kentucky County of Hardin Sct

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Hardin County Court now sitting Patrick Murvin a resident of Hardin County & state of Kentucky in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. –

In the month of May 1776 as well as he now remembers he volunteered his service under Captain William Coleman in Loudoun County State of Virginia in the Virginia militia for two months in the said County he was at that time a resident. That under that officer he was marched to Alexandria on the Potomac River for the defense of that place against an expected attack from Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia]. That he stated that place in the service until the expiration of the time for which he had volunteered when he was discharged & returned home –

That in the year 1777 about the 1<sup>st</sup> of October he again volunteered his service in the militia of Virginia at Leesburg in Loudoun County for the term of six months under Captain \_\_\_ Radican. That under that officer he was marched to Fort Pitt, joining two other companies on his way at Winchester one of which was commanded by Captain Johnston. At Fort Pitt the troops were under the command of General Stevenson [probably Hugh Stephenson]. From that place he went to Wheeling (by water) under the command of his said Captain, then called Fort Henry. After Wheeling he was under the command of Colonel Shepherd & remained for four months after the company to which he belonged had arrived at Fort Pitt when the said company was marched back to Loudoun County & discharged.

That about the month of October 1779 he again volunteered his services in the Militia of Virginia in Loudoun County under Captain Francis Russell & from Loudoun the company were ordered to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina, towards which place they proceeded until they arrived at Fredericksburg in Virginia. When they arrived at that place their orders were countermanded & they were ordered to the lower parts of Virginia & were marched to Richmond, from that to Chesterfield Court house, thence to Petersburg, thence to Mackey's Mills & returned to Petersburg & at the end of three months received his discharge & returned home. That during that campaign there was no militia officer with them higher than the rank of Captain the oldest Captain in the detachment being by the name of Fagan [probably Daniel Feagan]. During the greatest part of that campaign they were under the command of a Major Meriwether who was said to belong to the regular service.

In the Spring of the year 1780 he again volunteered in Loudoun County under the command of Captain Joseph Lewis & was marched under his command to Fredericksburg & thence to Williamsburg. At that place they were under the command of Colonel Dabney & Major Quarles both of the regular Army. That while in the neighborhood of Williamsburg they were attacked by the British cavalry of superior force & were compelled to retreat & disperse for a short time. And after that time we were successively [?] engaged with the British cavalry at different places from time to time until we were discharged above Richmond at the expiration of their term of service, being for three months – when he returned home to Loudoun County.

That shortly after his return home in the same year he again volunteered in the Virginia militia under the command of Captain William Beavers [William Beaver?] for two months. And were under the command of that officer were marched again to Fredericksburg, there they again joined the Army under the command of Dabney & Quarles. From that place they were marched down below Richmond to a place called Mobbin Hill [Malvern Hills]. There they were met & driven by the British cavalry from place to place until we arrived at the Raccoon Ford on the Rapidan River. At that place they were joined by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] with his Army. From that place he was marched under Wayne to old James town having been separated from his company & put under the command of Captain William Hall of the regular service. At Jamestown we had an engagement [probably the engagement on July 6, 1781] with the British having attacked them in the night & took from them seven pieces of cannon five of which were retaken by the British. The said attack was made by a detachment from Wayne's Army to which he belonged – who after taking said cannon were forced to retreat to the main body of Wayne's Army. Shortly after that time he was discharged at a place called Bottoms bridges in the State of Virginia some distance below Richmond from which place he returned home.

That in the latter part of the month of August he again volunteered in the Virginia militia in Loudoun County under the command of the same Captain Russell for two months and was marched under said Captain to Gloucester in Virginia at that place they were commanded by Colonel George West of the Virginia militia & under the command of General Stephens [Edward Stephens] or Stephenson of Virginia. He remained with the Army at Gloucester & at Yorktown commanded by General Washington until the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. After that event he marched with the prisoners to Nolens ferry [Noland's Ferry] On the Potomac & was discharged & returned home.

He states that he received written discharges when he left the service at each time aforesaid but having moved his life first to the state of South Carolina & thence to [indecipherable word, I believe intended to be "Kentucky"]<sup>1</sup> & deeming them of no value to him after the close of the [war] they have all long since been los. Int

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Patrick Murvin, X his mark

On the day & year aforesaid Isaac Skinner<sup>2</sup> a resident of Bullitt County Kentucky appeared in open court & being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following statement to wit that he is now in his 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his age. That he resided in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia

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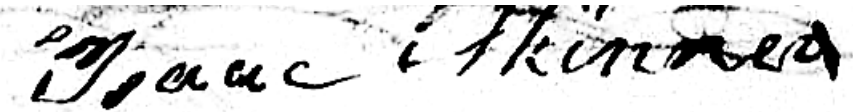
<sup>2</sup> [Isaac Skinner S31368](#)

from the sometime in the year 1780 until the year 1788. That during his residence in that County he was well acquainted with Patrick Murvin who has made the above & foregoing declaration. That from the time he arrived at the age to be placed on the roll of the militia & while he & said Murvin resided in the said County of Loudoun they belonged to the same Militia company.

He states that he knows said Murvin volunteered as stated by him under Captain Radican & that he started from home under his command & returned home after the expiration of the time & the general belief in the neighborhood was that he had during his absence been in the service as stated by him – He states that he knows that the said Murvin did volunteer & serve as stated by him under Captain Russell in 1779 & in 1780 under Captain Lewis & under Captain Beavers, that he was himself a volunteer during these times aforesaid & knows that the statements made by said Patrick Murvin in said declaration are true.

In relation to the services rendered under Captain Russell at Gloucester & Yorktown he states that he knew that said Murvin did volunteer as stated by him & that he left home under the command of said Russell for the places stated & knows that he returned home with the Prisoners as stated by him.

S/ Isaac Skinner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Skinner". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 1832 James Williams a resident of Hardin County & State of Kentucky appeared in open court aged 70 years in April last who being first duly sworn does on his oath make the following statement. That he lived in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia that Patrick Murvin in his declaration states that he rendered his services in the Army in the Virginia Militia. That during that time he was well acquainted with the said Murvin and he knows that said Murvin left home at the several times stated by him in said declaration with the troops and he believes that he did serve as stated by him. He states that he knows that said Murvin did serve under Captain Beavers as stated by him in his said declaration, as he, said Williams, served with him during that time – he also states that he is well acquainted with Isaac Skinner now of Bullitt County Kentucky, but formerly of Loudoun County in the State of Virginia – that he has known him from the time of his youth and that he believes full faith & credit all to be given to the statements made by him when own oath.

S/ James Williams, X his mark

[p 15: Colmore Lovelace, a clergyman, and James Crutcher gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The said Patrick Murvin appeared in court and on oath makes the following statement in addition to the statements made in the original declaration made by him in order to procure a pension. That he was born in Fairfax County State of Virginia and having removed from the place of his birth & from the balance of his family connections he has no record of his age. That he is known to James Williams, James Crutcher & Colmore Lovelace of his neighborhood who have testified to his character for veracity & to his reputation of having been a revolutionary soldier.

S/ Patrick Murvin, X his mark

## ELIZABETHTOWN,

TUESDAY, ..... APRIL 1, 1845

CHAS. G. WINTERMITE & T. D. BROWN,  
EDITORS.

Mr. T. D. Brown, will respond in the next Number of the Register, to the call made on him, over the signature of "Many Yours."

### PATRICK MURVIN.

Another old soldier of the Revolution is gone. On the 7th March, 1845, Patrick Murvin departed this life in the 66th year of his age. He was a native of Loudon county, Virginia, but has resided on his farm in this place for more than 40 years. His acquaintance was extensive, and all who knew him will revere his memory not only as a revolutionary soldier, but also as the noblest work of God—an honest man. Every body liked Patrick Murvin. No one doubted the truth of his statements, and many have been delightfully interested in listening to his graphic descriptions of the many battles and skirmishes in which he participated. He entered the army before he arrived at man's age, and followed the flag of his country in every change of fortune, till after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He knew Gen. Washington well—had been at his house before and after the war, as well as to serve with him in several campaigns. Morgan and Wayne he was frequently with, and came in for a share of their au-

thologies. He loved to dwell upon the daring and bravery of "Mad Anthony" as he called Gen. Wayne. He saw Tarleton retreat from the brave and intrepid Morgan at the battle of Cowpens, and was in the thickest of the fight.

In private life he was no less industrious and persevering than in the service of his country. Though in humble life and illiterate, his constant and untiring industry always secured him an independent support and the means to raise creditably a family of children. And it was a maxim with him worthy of more general imitation—never to go in debt. He labored upon the farm and generally enjoyed good health until a few days before his death. Yet he had his troubles in common with all. His wife has been blind for the last twenty years, and survived him only a few days. To give the history of Mr. Murvin would require an abler pen, and more time and space than we can devote. It would be to write the history of our struggle for independence in the south, and we regret that some one more able has not come forward to do justice to the memory of a deceased revolutionary patriot.

A FRIEND.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months & as a Sergeant for 2 months in the Virginia service.]