

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Murphey [Murphy] S1569

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[Note: This application was filed using a filled in printed form with the "boilerplate" language printed leaving blanks for the insertions. The "boilerplate" language is shown in italics.]

State of Tennessee, County of McMinn

On this 6th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Edward Murphy a resident of said County and state, aged about 90 years, 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 7, 1832.

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

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man from Rockbridge County Virginia in a Company Commanded by Captain Morrow for three months enrolled at Ladds [could be Todds] Mill Rockbridge County Virginia, Rendezvoused in Greenbrier County on an expedition against the Shawnee Indians marched from Greenbrier to Ohio River at the Junction of the Ohio & Elk Rivers – declarant cannot recollect the year commanded by Colonel Lewis – in the month of October as well as declarant recollects a battle with the Shawnee Indians took place in the point between the said Elk & Ohio rivers, he being there which lasted from sunrise to sunset, General Andrew Lewis was the Commander in Chief, after the battle declarant was ordered with the balance of the Army to build Barracks at that place, which was done, Orders were then received to return home, discharged at Botetourt Court house in Virginia, Declarant again entered the Service of the United States at Rockbridge County Virginia in a Company Commanded by Captain Marlow on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the fall of the year (as a drafted militia man for 3 months) known by Christie's [William Christian's] Campaign, marched to the Long island of Holston [River], joined the Main Army at that place were commanded by Colonel Christie [sic, William Christian], there remained until discharged – declarant again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man for three months in a company commanded by Captain Christian from Botetourt County Virginia declarant having removed from Rockbridge to that County, rendezvoused at Elliot's on Reedy Creek in Virginia, from thence marched to King's Mountain, was in that battle [October 7, 1780], the fall of the year as well as declarant recollects – Cols Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Sevier [John Sevier], General Campbell [sic, Colonel William Campbell] the officers declarant recollects, after the battle was over was marched from there to one Walker's remained there a day or two and again took up the line of march, and marched to General Campbell's own house, at which place declarant was discharged – Declarant again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man for 3 months, declarant having been driven from Botetourt by the Tories removed to Washington [County] and engaged from that County in a Company Commanded by Captain James Gilmore Lieutenant McCampbell Ensign Cunningham rendezvoused near the head of Chucky River [Nolichucky River], marched on through Lexington, Virginia, from thence to the old Barracks on the Hill, thence on until we arrived at Yorktown, at which

place declarant remained until the Battle of Yorktown [October 19, 1781] which he was in, General Campbell having died on our march to Yorktown & Col Lewis took command, after the battle, remained there until discharged. David Caldwell was one of the declarant's mess mates, declarant has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the performance of his Services, declarant was also at the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781], David Clyde was his Captain, Ledford Lieutenant & David Clyde, Jr. Ensign, as a drafted Militia man from Botetourt County Virginia for 3 months, discharged at Botetourt after our return home, and all of which service he performed the duties of orderly Sergeant, & has lost all his discharges.

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 6th day of September 1832.

S/ Edward Murphy, X his mark

[Abraham Slover, a clergyman, and Spencer Beavers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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[Note: the paragraph below and David Caldwell's affidavit appear as a miscellaneous page in this file.]

Declarant again entered the Service of the United States as a drafted Militia man for 3 months from Botetourt County Virginia in a Company commanded by Captain Tedford, Lieutenant Morris, Ensign McIlhaney Commanded by Colonel Sam Lewis – rendezvoused at York in Pennsylvania from York marched to a place called the Liverpool from thence joined the main Army near Wilmington, Commanded by General Byers, there we received orders to have the men in good order and marched to Brandywine, which was done 3 days marching from Wilmington to Brandywine remained there but one night until the battle [September 11, 1777] came on, which declarant was in after the battle was over orders were received to retreat, which was done, took up the line of march and returned home, discharged at Captain Paul's – after our return,

David Caldwell makes oath that he is acquainted with the above declarant, and that he knows of his having served the Campaign of the Siege of York and Gloucester, that affiant served with him & that the surrender of York took place on the 18th day of October 1781 [sic, October 19, 1781], and that affiant was a messmate of declarant, during said tour, Affiant also states that said declarant served as an orderly Sergeant on said Campaign, and that he had full confidence in the statements of declarant, affiant states that Colonel Sam Lewis, Captain James Gilmore, Lieutenant McCampbell & Ensign Cunningham were the officers – and that affiant has been acquainted with declarant ever since that time,

Sworn to & subscribed this 6th day of September 1832

S/ David Caldwell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Caldwell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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Amendatory Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832
State of Tennessee County of McMinn: SS

On this 11th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel workman one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of McMann and State of Tennessee Edward Murphy a resident of said County and state aged about 91 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendatory Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1774 in the fall of the year and served as stated in his first Declaration under the officers therein named served 3 months that tour and was discharged. Declarant states this tour was against the Shawnee Indians as stated in his first Declaration, Served as an orderly Sergeant the whole of this Tour. Declarant again entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the fall of the year as a drafted Militia man and served as orderly Sergeant on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians as set forth in his first Declaration and served as therein named and under the officers therein named served 3 months and was discharged. Declarant again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man for 3 months in the year 1777 as well as he recollects in the month of July in the County of Botetourt Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Tedford Lieutenant Morris Ensign McIlhane Commanded by Colonel Samuel Lewis Served as set forth in his first Declaration was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] during all of which Tour he served as orderly Sergeant served 3 months and was discharged. Declarant again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man for 3 months in the County of Botetourt Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Christian in the year 1780 in the fall of the year and served as set forth in his Declaration was in the battle of Kings Mountain served 3 months and was discharged. Served the whole of this tour as orderly Sergeant. Declarant again entered the service of the United States in Botetourt County Virginia in a company commanded by David Clyde Captain Lieutenant Tedford David Clyde Ensign as a drafted Militia man for 3 months in the year 1780 about the first of December served as an orderly Sergeant the whole of this tour and served as set forth in his first Declaration was in the Cowpens served 3 months and was discharged. Declarant again entered the service of the United States in the County of Washington Virginia as a drafted militia man for 3 months in a company commanded by Captain James Gilmore Lieutenant McCampbell Ensign Cunningham in the year 1781 in the month of August or first of September served as set forth in his first declaration and under the officers therein named all of which tour he served as orderly Sergeant was at the taking of Cornwallis at York served 3 months and was discharged. In answer to the sworn interrogatories prescribed by the war Department after them being duly put to Declarant he states that he was born in Pennsylvania at York County on the 25th day of December 1742 from the best information he can obtain and that has been from his parents he having no record of his age he never could write he was always called into service as drafted Militia man for each and every tour he served a written Discharge Signed by his different captains but has lost all of them – he lived when first called into service in Rockbridge County Virginia second in Botetourt County Virginia and thirdly in Washington County Virginia. Lived since the revolution in Greene County Tennessee from there removed to Sevier County Tennessee from there to Rhea County Tennessee from there he removed to McMinn County Tennessee where he has lived for the last nineteen years. Declarant states that he never received a commission – he states that he is acquainted with Colonel A. R. Turk, George Colvill Esquire, Major Joseph Lusk, Colonel Archibald Eadins, John L McCarty, John McClatchey, Andrew Bigham, Sterling Camp, Colonel Hugh Montgomery, Jesse N. Edington, Esquire, Samuel workman Esquire who can testify as to his veracity and the belief being General in his neighborhood that he has been a Soldier of the revolution and having served as he had states.

S/ Edward Murphey, X his mark

[Shirley Lafferty and Joseph Lusk gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee McMinn County: Personally appeared before me Samuel workman one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of McMinn David Caldwell a resident Citizen of said County aged about 70 years and made oath that he is acquainted with Edward Murphey who made the foregoing Amendatory Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 and that he knows of him having served the campaign of the siege of York and Gloucester and

that he (affiant) served with him and that the surrender of York took place on the 18th day of October 1781 and that he (affiant) was a messmate of Declarant during said tour affiant also states that said declarant served as an orderly Sergeant on said Campaign and that he has for confidence in the statements of declarant. Affiant states that Colonel Sam Lewis Captain James Gilmore, Lieutenant McCampbell and Ensign Cunningham were the officers and that affiant has been acquainted with Declarant ever since that time.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 20th day of September 1833

S/ David Caldwell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia service; 3 months as a Sergeant and 12 months as a private.]