

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Murphey [Murphy] S16986

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County

On this twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before me John Doan an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Jefferson William Murphy a resident of the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee aged Seventy-two 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 7th 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 in the year 1781, was drafted and enrolled in Captain Glenn's [Duke Glenn's] Company, was commanded by Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade], and was marched from Anson County North Carolina to the mouth of the Rocky River, thence to the Grassy Island thence to Beatti's bridge, where he remained until his term of service of three months expired and was discharged.

And afterwards, on the 19th day of January 1782, he was again drafted and entered the Service, was enrolled in Captain James Fair's [James Farr's] Company, and commanded by Colonel Wade, thence he was marched to James Fair's on Pedee [River] where he was stationed for some length of time, and some time he was out on scouting parties, and part of his time riding and bringing in cattle for the use of the company, by order of the Commandant, and remained in service two terms the last three months as a volunteer, and was discharged on the 3rd Monday of July 1782, having served 6 months.

And afterwards to wit on the first Day of October 1782 he removed from Anson County North Carolina to Greene County Tennessee [sic, then still North Carolina] and in the month of September 1793, the Cherokee Indians were committing there hostilities on the Frontiers, He volunteered and entered into the service and rendezvoused at Knoxville Tennessee, under Colonel Sevier, thence he was marched to [illegible word, could be either "Jones" or "James" or neither] Station, thence to the Cherokee Nation, thence to the Town Eastenalle [?] on the Coosa River, thence to the fork of the River Coosa and Hightower, thence to a Town below the fork called Quia, where he had an engagement with the Indians, drove them & burnt their towns, and having been ordered by Colonel Sevier to return home, did so with the whole of his company, and was discharged.

The Declarant states that he is a Farmer by Occupation, that, he has a wife and one daughter, his wife is aged and infirm and his daughter aged thirty-nine years is unable to render him any assistance, having no use of one of her arms, and that he has not been able to do any

manual labor to assist in supporting himself & family for 16 years, that he is very feeble, and depends upon the charity of others for his support that he has but little property and amount not exceeding \$25. And does hereby relinquish 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.

The following Interrogatories are propounded by the Justice of the Peace to the applicant, and the questions and answers embodied in the declaration to wit

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Anson County North Carolina the 31st March 1760.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have a record of my age, it is in my possession.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer When I was called into the Service of my Country I lived in Anson County North Carolina, and on the 15 October 1782, removed to Greene County Tennessee where I remained one year, then I removed to Jefferson County Tennessee where I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer, I was twice drafted and twice a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer, I was commanded by Colonel Wade into campaigns and Colonel Sevier one against the Cherokee Indians.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I did receive a discharge from Colonel Wade for my Services which I have mislaid or lost.

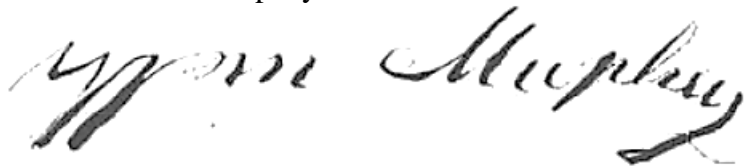
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer As to my character for veracity and good behavior David Kimbrough & William Ballenger and as to my Services as a soldier of the Revolution, I knows of no person to prove my actual service, nor have I any Documentary evidence.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Doan, JP

S/ Wm Murphey

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Murphey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Wm Murphey".

[David Kimbrough and William Ballenger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 23, Order issued in October 1836 session of Jefferson County, Tenn. Court appointed Samuel Box guardian for William Murphy, an insane person.]

[p 14: letter dated June 5, 1841, addressed from Polk County, Missouri, from Samuel Box,

guardian of William Murphy, an 'insane pensioner' of the US and a ward of the State of Missouri, addressed to the Hon. John Bell, Secretary of War, asking that Murphy's pension be sent to Box.]

[p 17: application for a transfer of benefits filed by Saml. Box, guardian, saying that he, Box, recently moved from Tennessee to Missouri and being the guardian of Wm Murphy in Tennessee, brought him to Missouri because Murphy had no family remaining in Tennessee to look after him.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]