

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Murphey (Murphy) S1861

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State of North Carolina Anson County: October Sessions 1832

On this 10th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting -- Daniel Murphy a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 69 years a soldier of the Revolution who being 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.

I entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

First I volunteered in November 1780 in the County of Anson State of North Carolina under the command of Captain William Threadgill of Colonel Thomas Wade's Regiment attached to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Division and was marched to Pedee River South Carolina served three months & was discharged in Anson County North Carolina by Colonel Thomas Wade in February 1781. I was drafted in the same month February 1781, was under the command of Captain William Bracken [William Brackin] of Colonel Malmedas [sic, [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] Regiment served three months and was discharged at Campden [Camden] South Carolina in May 1781 -- volunteered in June 1781 -- under the command of Captain James Fare [James Farr] of Colonel Wade's Regiment served three months and was discharged in September 1781 -- volunteered again in October 1781 under the command of Captain Sylvester Gibson Served three months in collecting supplies for the Southern Army & was discharged -- volunteered again under the command of Captain Patrick Boggan of Colonel Wade's Regiment marched from Anson NC & was at the battle of Beattie's bridge [Beattis's Bridge].<sup>1</sup> I served three months and was discharged -- having served in all during the first term fifteen months. I have lost all my discharges but 2, and have no other documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure to testify to my Services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Murphy. X his mark

1<sup>st</sup> Question by Court -- where and in what year were you born?

Answer the 23rd day of January 1763 in the County of Anson State of North Carolina --

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<sup>1</sup> August 4, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/beattisbr.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_beattis\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html)

2nd Question by Court. Have you any record of your age if so where is it?

Answer. I have in a Bible left by my father & my son took it off in another Bible which I have yet in my possession

3rd Question by Court. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer -- in Anson County and I yet live in Anson County

4th Question by Court: How were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom?

Answer. I first entered as a volunteer & then I was drafted and then entered as a volunteer

5 Question by Court. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops with whom you served Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer -- I did not serve with any Continental Troops the most of my time I was in Colonel Wade's Regiment of Militia. I do not recollect the number of the Regiment -- my Services were altogether in North and South Carolina --

6 Question by Court. Did you ever receive a discharge or discharges from the Service if so by whom was it or they signed and what has become of it or them

Answer. I received a discharge in February 1781 from Captain William Threadgill. I received a discharge in July 1782 from James Farr both of which I now have in my possession -- all my other discharges I have lost.

7th Question by Court -- State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior Your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer -- the Reverend John Culpeper and Mr. Vincent Parsons -- are all acquainted with me Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above.

S/ Daniel Murphy, X his mark

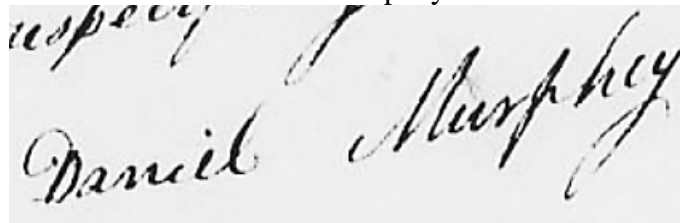
[John Culpeper, a clergyman, and then sent Parsons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the honorable Secretary of War your petitioner wishes your honor to address a few lines to him after he received his petition and please to state whether it is correct or not in this petition if any errors please to point them out if any and let him know whether that the transfer is made from Fayetteville North Carolina to Jackson in the Western District State of Tennessee please to direct a letter to Daniel Murphey pensioner to Lexington Henderson County Tennessee.

Yours very respectfully

S/ Daniel Murphey

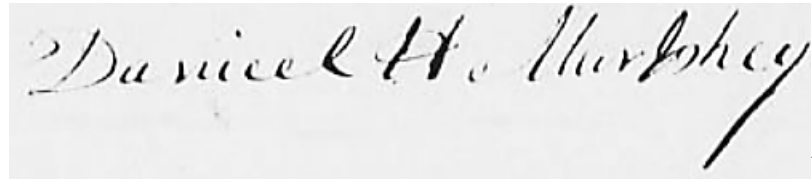
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Murphey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

To the Honorable  
Secretary of War  
Washington City  
April 29<sup>th</sup> day 1837

[I take the above to be in the handwriting of the pensioner. The pensioner explains his signing his prior application with a mark because at the time he was suffering from the effects of palsy and when he applied for the transfer in 1837 he was in better health and could sign and write his own name.]

[p 22: On October 24, 1837 in Henderson County Tennessee, the veteran formerly applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the North Carolina agency to the Tennessee agency giving as his reason for moving from North Carolina to Tennessee "that his children have emigrated to the State of Tennessee and he felt desirous of spending the remainder of his days as near them as the nature of his situation in life would permit, and whose society might add to the Comfort of his declining Years."]

[p 23: The veteran's application for a transfer of his pension benefit also included an affidavit by Daniel H Murphey as to the identity of the veteran. The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.

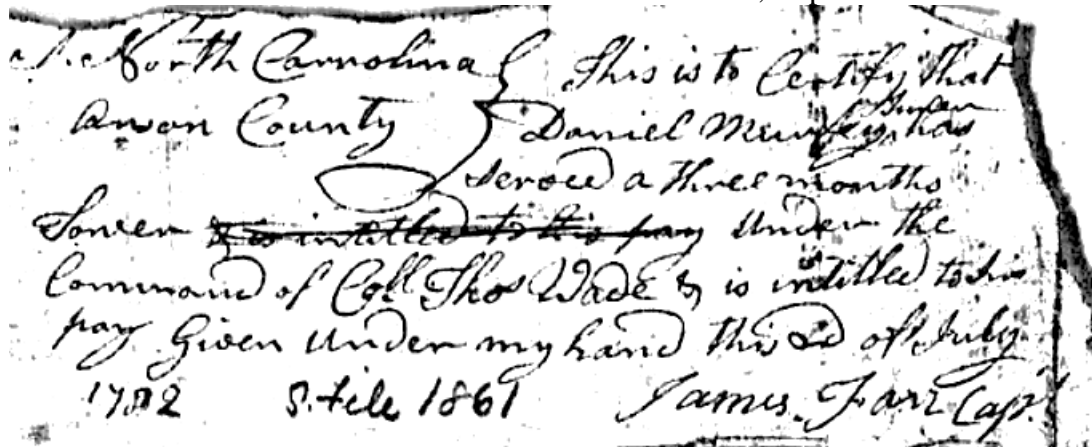


Daniel H. Murphey

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North Carolina Anson County: This is to Certify that Daniel Murphy Senior has served a 3 month Tower under the Command of Colonel Thomas Wade & is entitled to his pay. Given under my hand this [illegible day] of July 1782.

S/ James Farr, Capt.



N. Carolina } This is to Certify that  
Anson County } Daniel Murphy Senior has  
served a three months  
Tower & is entitled to his pay under the  
Command of Col. Tho Wade & is entitled to his  
pay given under my hand this 2<sup>d</sup> of July  
1782 S. file 1861 James Farr Capt.

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February 1781

Daniel Murphy a militia soldier in my Company Colonel Wade's Regiment is hereby discharged from his 3 months tower of Diuty given under my hand in Camp near Cheraw.

S/ Wm Threadgill Capt.

11 February 1781  
Daniel Murphy a militia  
soldier in my Company  
of the 1st Regiment is here  
by discharged from his three  
month term of duty  
given under my hand in  
Camp near Chocowoc  
S. File 1861 And Thos Pitt Capt

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the North Carolina militia.]