

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Murphy S22413

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State of Pennsylvania } SS

County of Armstrong }

On this Eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand and Eight Hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before his Honour John Gaines[?] and his associate judges of the Court of Common pleas of Armstrong County now sitting Samuel Murfey a resident of Buffelow Township in said County of Armstrong and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy [illegible] on 12<sup>th</sup> day May last past 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in Westmoreland County in the year 1775 under Captain John Stevenson and marched to winchester Virginia and from thence Williamsburg from thence to the great bridge [in present Portsmouth City] thence back to Suffolk where we joined Eighth Virginia Red'gt. commanded Cornel Peter Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] then marched to Charleston South Carolina and was there the day that Independance was declared - from thence we marched to Savanah [sic: Savannah] Georgia and were sent to place cald Sanasbury [sic: Sunsbury] - at this time my first enlistment expired havened served one year and in the year 1777 he enlisted under Capt. Robert Bell [sic: Robert Beall] for the term of three years and marched Fort Pitt and joined the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Redgt commanded by Con'ls. John Gibson and Major Sims [sic: Charles Simms] and was at the battle of Portsmouth and 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1780 he was discharged at Pittsburg by Corn'l Gibson which said discharge I afterward gave to Cor'l John Gibson of Pittsburg in the 1781 he turned out a Volunteer under Capt Benjamin Fields and went under General Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] to the falls of Ohio [at present Louisville KY] and on the 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1781 [more likely 14 Sep at the defeat of Col. John Floyd at Long Run Creek, Jefferson County KY] he was taken prisoner by the Indians and received a wound in the left hip which lames him at this time and taken to Detroyet [sic: Detroit] - and some time in November of the same year he was sold to the British and was taken to a place cald prisoners Island. and on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1782 he in company with Ezekial Louis made his escape and returned home having been absent about one year for which last service has not received one farthing and in the year 1792 he was out under Capt John Guthery in the State Line for the term of Six months and in the year 1793 he was Lieutenant in Capt Patterson Company and served a tour for six months against the Indians and in 1794 he served under Capt Denny a service of six months and in 1795 he served Capt Buckhann[?] as Lieut for six months He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory—  
Sworn and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesd Samuel hisXmark Murphy

Questions put by the Court

1. Where and in what year was you bornd

Answer I was bornd in Frederic [sic: Frederick] County Virginia in the year AD 1758

2 Have you any record of your age.

Ans. none save my indenture stating my age as I was bound an apprentice

3. where were you living when cald into service & where have lived since the revolution and where do you now live

Ans I lived on Jacob Creek in what was then Bedford county [possibly in present Campbell County VA] Since that I have lived most of the time in Armstrong County I have more than thirty years where I now on the Alaghany [sic: Allegheny] river

4. How were you cald into the service were you drafted did you voluter or were you a substitute  
An I was at no time substitute and all the other questions are answered in my application

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such such continental and mellitia regiments as you can recollect &c

An. all of the above questions are answered in this my application

6. Did you ever receive a discharge.

As. I did and gave it to Cornet John Gibson

7 & did you ever receive a commission

I did as stated receive a Lieutenants commission in Va State Line all of which are lost-

State the name of several person to whom you are known — I am acquainted with the Honr Wm Wilkins the Honourable Harna[?] Denny and others of Pittsburg