

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnabas Murray S30611

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State of Kentucky County of Pulaski Sct.

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court holden for Pulaski County being a Court of Record Established by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Barnabas Murray a resident of said County of Pulaski aged about Seventy-Six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Army of the United States, in Orange County in the State of North Carolina, his then place of residence on the __ day of August, in the year 1780 [sic, the events described by the veteran place his service as having begun at least as early as February 1776], as well as he now recollects, in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Roand [sic, Robert Rowan] commanded by Major __ Clark [probably Thomas Clark] & General Nash [Francis Nash]¹ in the line of the State of North Carolina in the Continental Establishment for the term of six months, that he continued to serve in said Corps, until the end or expiration of the time for which he enlisted to serve as aforesaid, six months, that he was in the battle at Moore's Bridge on Black River [the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, was fought on February 27, 1776], in the said State of North Carolina, which took place during his six months tour aforesaid, and was discharged at Cross Creek in the said State of North Carolina, by his Captain Robert Roand, receiving from him a written Discharge (which said Discharge has long since been Destroyed or lost.) When he again enlisted in the said State of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by the said Captain Robert Roand and in the same Regiment as in the above named tour of 6 months Commanded by Major __ Clark in the said line & a Continental Establishment for the further term of twelve months, that he was in a Skirmish in the State of South Carolina, and in the Battle at Fort Sullivan [June 28, 1776], from thence the Army returned to Charles Town, Remained there a few weeks and then marched to Purrysburg on the Savannah River in the State of Georgia, was attached to the Company of Captain Samuel Airy Major White & commanded by General Lee [Charles Lee], took water and went to Savannah remained there 3 or 4 weeks, and from thence the Army was marched to Sunsbury [sic, Sunbury], & from thence to Castaway [?] Island was there Stationed for about eight months, and whilst at that place took a British Vessel, afterwards returned to Sunbury, Serving out his Term of twelve months for which he had enlisted in the Service of the United States as aforesaid when he was Discharged from the service, in said Town of Sunbury in the

¹ General Francis Nash died October 7, 1777 from wounds sustained at the battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777.

State of Georgia, Receiving a written discharge signed by his said General Lee, which said Discharge he states he has lost or mislaid long since not having seen it for many years past, he states he has no Documentary evidence of his Enlistments & services having lost his Discharges as above stated, and having been a cripple for many years past & very infirm and consequence thereof he has been deprived of making discovery of any living Testimony in that County in which he at this time resides if there is any or even in the State he knows of none at this time by whom he can prove his services as stated by him in his foregoing Declaration but for greater certainty of his Enlistments & Services aforesaid he refers to the Rolls in the War Office, And the said Barnabas Murray, further states on his oath that after enduring & performing the services as a regular soldier as above stated by him he volunteered to perform a militia tour of duty of six months in the said State of North Carolina under Major Gwin² [most likely to be Capt. Edward Gwinn of Guilford County, NC], marching from his residence or County of Orange through the Counties of Moore & Randolph, of that state and was Discharged at Orange County by said Major Gwin, having served out his said term of six months for which term he had volunteered &c to serve, and again volunteered to perform a second tour of Duty as a militia man of six months under and with Captain William Douglass and served about five weeks of the latter when he was discharged Peace having been proclaimed and was discharged at Haw River in Chatham County North Carolina by said Captain William Douglass having in each case received a Discharge which said Discharges he has also lost – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension, or and annuity except the Present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency or any State, Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Barnabas Murray, X his mark

[Seaton Lee and Achilles Jasper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

² The Commissioner of Pensions interpreted this name in 1929 as Major Given.