

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Arthur Murphy S31872

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Territory of Arkansas }
County of Lawrence } SS.

On this 21st day of May 1833 personally appeared before Thomas P Eskridge Judge of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid [three illegible words interlined] Arthur Murphy a resident of the county aforesaid who being first duly sworn 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 entered the service in the Army of the united states in the year 1778 to the best of his recollection he does not Recollect the number of the Regiment but was a volunteer in the company of Captain John Hopkins and served under the following named officers Capt. Hopkins Major [Isaac] Horn Thomas Eaton was my Col General Ash [sic: Gen. John Ashe] comaned. he was born in N Carolina Franklin County [sic: formed in 1779 from Bute County, which was formed from Granville County in 1764]. he entered the service in Bute County in said state marched from thence through Kingston on Noos River [sic: Kinston on Neuse River] Elizabethtown on Cape fair [sic: Cape Fear] River on to Monk's corners [sic: Moncks Corner] in South Carolina and on by the White House where there were public stores we staid there a few days and then went up the Savanah [sic: Savannah] River to Agusta [sic: Augusta] in Georgia The British an Tories had possession there, they left the Town burnt the Bridge and went a short distance up the river, then returned advanced gave battle and defeated us [Battle of Briar Creek GA, 3 Mar 1779.] we then crossed the river marched down the river to Elizabeth Town in South Carolina where he was stationed until he was discharged after a service of five months he omitted to mention above the Gen. [Andrew] Williamson was stationed near Agusta when he approached it he joined Williamson there and acted together and marched together to Elizabethtown. he received a discharge but does not recollect who signed it which is now lost. about two years after to the best of his recollection he was drafted in the County of Franklin State of N Carolina seved under captain Joseph Parish [probably Joel Parish] Major [Absalom] Tatum Col Harbert Haynes [sic: Herbert Haynes] and General [John] Butler. was mustered service in Lewisburg [sic: Louisburg] in the lastmentioned county was marched to HarrisBurg. on to Hillsborough on his way from thence he joined the army commanded by Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and went into Gilford [sic: Guilford] County N Carolina where there was fought a severe Battle with the British [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and then marched in pursuit of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] until his time expired and he was discharged by Col Hayne after a service of three months, which discharge is also lost. he went home to Franklin County and afterwards and near the close of the war he was enlisted under Captain Mathew Brickel [Matthew Brickell] and Major Hog [sic: Thomas Hogg] who was the highest officer he was marched to the town of Hallifax [sic: Halifax] in N Carolina where he remained to the best of his recollection from the time of the commencement of his Last sevice two months he was there taken sick got a furlow and went home and before he was able to join his company the war was closed he was born in year 1762 in the State of Virginia in Sussex County he has no record of his age, but when young took a transcript from his fathers record of his age which he kept for many years he entered the service as above and returned to Franklin County N Carolina when it closed. he lived in that county some several small incursions until he was forty or forty five moved from there to Logan County Kentucky where I lived two years. from thence I moved near the Red Banks in Henderson County in said state from there to Johnson County Illinois and from thence to Lawrence County making some short stays in the frontiers of Missouri I now reside in Lawrence County Arkansas Territory where I have for the last six years George W Thompson Nathaniel McCarrel and James Kuykendall and David Orr are acquainted with me and state to the court relative to my sevice &c 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 any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year

aforesaid in open Court.

Arthur hisXmark Murphy

NOTE: A typed summary states that Murphy died 6 April 1835.