

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Murdock (Murdoch) S31873

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State of Georgia, County of Franklin: SS

On this third day of September in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Inferior Court now sitting for ordinary purposes for the County and State aforesaid, William Murdock, a resident of Capt. Watson's District in said County & State aged Seventy three 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 in the Militia of South Carolina in the fall of the year 1776 or 1777 at 96 District (now ~~Cambridge~~ Newberry) as a substitute for his father Hamilton Murdock, who was drafted for a three month's service. He was placed under Capt. Robt. Gillam [Robert Gillam] in Col. James Williams Regiment; [he] was a horseman. From Newberry was marched to Kellott's Station on Reedy River & remained there to keep off the Indians until his tour was out & was discharged by Lieutenant Samuel Saxon, returned home. And was drafted at Newberry aforesaid about the month of June 1780 [sic, 1779] under Capt. Gillam aforesaid, in Col. Williams' Regiment, marched to Stono to relieve the other men there but met them returning home, they having been defeated [Battle of Stono, June 20, 1779] & we returned back with them to Newberry & he was discharged by Capt. Gillam for a three month's tour.

His father moved higher up in the district of 96 (now Laurens) and about six weeks after his discharge as aforesaid, he volunteered under Capt. Henderson as a horseman in Col. Williams' Regiment, & was marched to White Hall in Abbeville, and from thence against the Indians in Georgia, was kept marching about without any regular Battle until he was discharged by Capt. Henderson for three month's service. Henderson was not out with them, but was under Lieut. Christopher Hardy. Served Nine months altogether the three first and the three last as a Horseman finding his own horse. Does not know any person now living by whom he could prove his service.

1. Was born in Ireland 15 March 1759.
2. Has a record of his age at home.
3. When he entered the service he lived in Newberry District then Ninety Six; lived there until two years since when he came to Franklin County, Georgia.
4. First three months he was a substitute; the 2nd three months he was drafted; and the last three months he was a volunteer.
5. Does not recollect the names of Regular Officers, but Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson] had 300 Regular riflemen with him.

6. Never received any pay & had one written discharge from Capt. Gillam, thinks he also got the two, they from Capt. Gillam & Lieut. Hardy, but does not recollect; they are lost or mislaid.

7. Is known to John Sandige [sic], a preacher of the Gospel and to James Wilson who can testify to his character for veracity and to the belief of his having served as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Murdock [could be Murdoch]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Murdock".

S/ Thomas King, Clk.

[John Sandidge, a clergyman, and James Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of infantry & cavalry for 9 months in the South Carolina militia.]