

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jeffrey Murphy S35532

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State of Indiana Sct.

On this first day of March in the year 1819 before me Davis Floyd President of the Second Judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana personally appeared James Jeffries Murphy [sic] of Orange County State aforesaid aged 66 and being by me first duly sworn for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of a late act of Congress making provisions for pensions to certain persons as served in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war on his oath aforesaid says that in or about the year 1776 he enlisted in Captain William Edmonds Company in the first Virginia Regiment that he served in the Continental service till the end of the War that he served some time in Colonel Edmonds Regiment and after he was killed he served in Colonel Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins?] Regiment and was afterwards transferred into General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Corps and was afterwards transferred into the Company of Major John Willis under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] that he was regularly discharged in Winchester Virginia after having been sent as a guard over some prisoners sent to that place that he has had the misfortune to have his house burned and in it his discharges, that he was in the battle at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] from thence to James Town where he was in the battle at that place and was in the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 17 81], that he was at the taking of Burgoyne [Battle of Bemis Heights or Saratoga, October 7, 1777] and Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and that this is the only testimony now within his reach to prove his services that he is in reduced circumstances in life and needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me this first March 1819.

S/ Davis Floyd

State of Indiana Orange County: SS

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July A.D. 1822 personally appeared in open court being constituted a court of record by the laws of this State James Jeffrey Murphy aged seventy-five years resident in said County of Orange who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Edmonds, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Chunn<sup>1</sup> and in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he served during the whole of the revolutionary war and was discharged 8 months after the treaty of Peace being retained during that time to guard prisoners of war, that he was entered on the pension list 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 1819 and that the number of his certificate is 12.570. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident

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<sup>1</sup> The only Chunn I could find in Gwathmey is John Thomas Chunn, a militia Major from Fauquier County Virginia

Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed; to wit, two old horses, one two & twenty years old, the other eleven, three head of neat [? sic, meat?] cattle, seven head of sheep and a quarter section of third rate land and this declarant on his oath aforesaid further states that the horses and land above mentioned all paid for by money received from the government as pensioner under the law of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that he has no other property except such as mentioned in the above schedule & necessary clothing and furniture excepted, that he is a farmer and that he has no ability to labor, that his family consist of himself and wife, that his wife is aged sixty-seven years and that she has very little capacity to labor, and that he is in such indigent circumstances that he will be obliged to depend upon his neighbors for a support.

S/ James Jeffrey Murphy, X his mark

[the clerk of the County court valued the property scheduled at \$400]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1, 1819, for service as a private for 7 years in the Virginia Continental line.]