

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McMurry (McMurray) S36694

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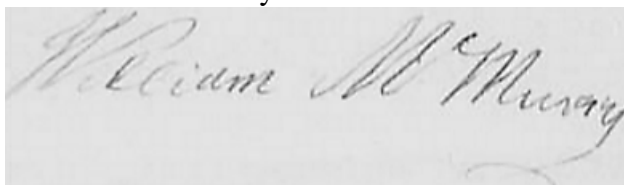
State of Louisiana Parish of Feliciana

William Murray came before me Charles Bushnell, Judge of the Court of the Third Judicial district of the State of Louisiana and made oath, that the certificate of discharge originally granted to him by the War department has been worn out and destroyed by being frequently wet and used & rubbed in carrying it about. That he served as a Sgt. in the Regiment commanded by Col. Henderson [William Henderson] and Capt. Dogged's [Richard Doggett's] company of the South Carolina line in the revolutionary War about three years -- That he now resides in the parish of Feliciana State of Louisiana -- that he has resided there for the last five years previous to which he resided in York district in the State of South Carolina -- that he was [in the] battle of Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780], Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] and Camden¹ -- That he was in the other Engagements & Skirmishes during said war and was also in the Expedition against St. Augustine.²

Subscribed & sworn before me this 17th day of December 1823

S/ Chas. Bushnell, Judge 3rd District

S/ William McMurry

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "William McMurry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

District Court of the State of Louisiana for the third Judicial District in the Parish of Feliciana

Present the Honorable Charles Bushnell Esquire Judge Parish of Feliciana Be it remembered, that on the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord 1823 personally appeared in the District Court of the State of Louisiana for the third Judicial District sitting at Jackson in the Parish of Feliciana in open court, the court being a court of record for the said Parish and District proceeding according to the course of the civil common and Statute Laws with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of their proceedings and having the power of fine & imprisonment William McMurray aged about seventy-nine years resident of the

¹ Could be a reference to either the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780, or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781 – both of which engagements often referred to as the battle of or at Camden.

² Most likely a reference to the Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778
<http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

Parish of Feliciana aforesaid 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 at York County, now district in the State of South Carolina on the ___ day of ___ in the year 1778 or 9 Capt. Dogged's Company, Sixth Regiment of United States Infantry commanded by Col. William Henderson in the capacity of a Sergeant for three years that he continued in the service of said company and Regiment until the ___ day of ___ in the year 1782 when he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant at Charleston in the State of South Carolina. That he was in the Battles of Camden, Rocky Mount & Hanging Rock & was in many other skirmishes -- That he enlisted at Tochow Swamp [sic, Tocaw Swamp] and was discharged at Charleston that [indecipherable word] the said ___ day of ___ 1782 he has by casualty lost his discharge and he has no other or further evidence in his power than what is contained in the said declaration or affidavit and this declarant doth hereby relinquish all and every pension he heretofore made or given to him by the United States and saith that he never has made application for a Pension before because he did not know in what method to proceed --

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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:

Schedule

Real estate -- I have none neither in possession, reversion, remainder or expectancy.

Person Estate

one old Rifle Gun \$5

Sworn & subscribed before me this 17th day 1823

S/ Chas. Bushnell, Judge 3rd District

S/ William McMurry

In the matter of the application of William McMurray for a pension
State of Louisiana Parish of Feliciana

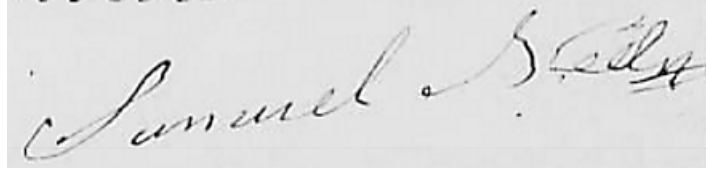
Samuel Neely a resident of said Parish and State being sworn says that he was formerly a resident of South Carolina -- That deponent served in the militia of the State of South Carolina during the revolutionary war. That he was well acquainted with William McMurray who is about to apply for a pension -- That from a number of circumstances which came to knowledge of deponent, deponent believes that said McMurray served in the Florida Expedition during the Revolutionary war and also on other occasions during said War -- That said McMurray was taken sick after said Florida Expedition & was incapacitated by a fever which seized him after said Expedition from further service -- deponent well knows that said McMurray has no property whatever.

Sworn this first day of December 1823 in Open Court of the 3rd District of Louisiana

S/ Chas. Bushnell, Judge 3rd District

S/ Samuel Neely³

³ Evidently this veteran did not file for a pension from the federal government as there is no pensioner by that (or any similar name) who claims to have served in the SC militia during the Revolution.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Samuel B. Kelly". The ink is dark and the background is light.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 17, 1823, for service as a Sergeant in the South Carolina Continental line.]