

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Murphey S38251

VA

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State of Virginia, to wit:

At a quarterly court continued and held for Orange County at the Courthouse, on Wednesday the twenty seventh of May One thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Charles Murphey, aged seventy six years and a resident of the County appeared in Court this twenty seventh day of May 1818 and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension allowed by the late 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." That the said Charles Murphey inlisted in January 1777 as a soldier, in the tenth Virginia regiment on Continental establishment, in the Company commanded by Captain John Gillison [W7530] of the State of Virginia, that he served in the said regiment three years, and afterwards in the sixth regiment until 1782, when he was honorably discharged at Cumberland Old Courthouse in the State; that he has lost his discharge; that he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence of his services.

State of Virginia, SS,

At a quarterly court continued and held for the county of Orange, at the courthouse, on Tuesday the twenty ninth of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, (being so made by the constitution and laws of the state) Charles Murphey, aged 79 years, resident in the county 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 in January 1777 as a soldier, in the tenth Virginia regiment on continental establishment in the company commanded by Captain John Gillison of the State of Virginia; that he served in the said regiment three years, and afterwards in the sixth regiment until 1782; that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, as appears by the declaration of the said Charles Murphey made in the County Court of Orange on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818. That he received a pension certificate, the number of which is 6808. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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.

A schedule of the property of Charles Murphey

Three head of cattle. Given under my hand this twenty ninth day of August 1820.

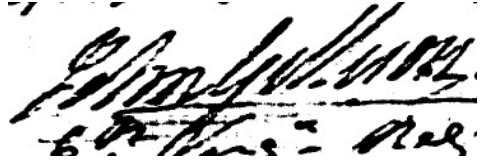
Signed, Charles hisXmark Murphey

I am by trade a cooper, but by reason of age and and bodily infirmity am able to do but little at it. I have a family consisting of a wife named Mary, about 75 years old and much afflicted with rheumatism, and consequently unable to do much labour; three daughters named Lucy about 50 years old, who is unable to labour much, Sally about 30 years old and Polly about 28 years old, the two last are healthy; and a grand daughter named Eveline about 21 years old who is also healthy.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Murphy, Charles.]

Certify that Charles Murphey Inlisted in the Continental Army the [illegible] Jan'y 1777 for the time of three years which time faithfully served. Given under my hand this [undeciphered] day Sept. 83

John Gillison Capt  
6<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Gillison", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, there are some faint, illegible scribbles.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Charles Murffey, age 38, height 5' 8", black hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, carpenter, born and residing in Culpeper County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months on 19 Mar 1781, having previously served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment.

A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Charles Murphey received his final pension payment up to the date of his death on 2 Feb 1838.