

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Murray S38253

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Indiana District./ November Term 1820

On this ninth day of November one thousand eight hundred twenty personally appeared in open court Richard Murray aged sixty five years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Richard Murray enlisted for the Term of two years, the time he does not recollect, but believes it was in the month of April before General Lee marched to Charlestown South Carolina [Charles Lee, 1776], at Winchester in Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt. Thomas Berry in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in the line of the State of Virginia of the Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps for thirteen months and then obtained a discharge from Colo. Muhlenburgh on his furnishing a substitute by the name of John Simpson [probably pension application S40430] to serve the balance of the Term. That he was in the Battle between the British Army and Fleet and the American Forces on an Island just below Charlestown the name of which Island he is not certain of [Battle of Sullivans Island, probably at Breach Inlet, 28 Jun 1776] – and having lost his discharge he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services and in pursuance of the act of the 1st may 1820 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 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 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, towit,

One mare fifteen or sixteen years old blind in one eye, one Calf, six hogs, seven pigs – one dutch oven, on griddle, six common earthen plates & three chairs.

and the declarant further states that his occupation is that of a common labourer – that he has nearly lost the sight of his right eye, and the left one weakened – that he is in tolerable health for one of his age – that he has a wife and one child – his wife is fifty three or four years old and his child is twelve a daughter named Lucinda – his wife is as healthy as women of her age generally are, but frequently complains – his child too young to afford him much help – Sworn to and declared in open Court this 9th day of Nov’r. 1820

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Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County the 5th day of March 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Richard Murray aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 – that he the said Richard Murray in the year 1776 enlisted as a soldier in the company Commanded by Captain Thomas Berry in the 8th Virginia Regiment in Frederick County from whence he was marched to Charles Town South Carolina; the 8th Regiment was commanded at that time by Colo Muhlenburg – that after serving thirteen months he was marched back to Winchester being sick with the measles he hired a man to take his place and serve his time out, which was eleven months he having enlisted for two years. That he afterwards served several tours in the militia during the Revolutionary war, he was in the Battle fought in the year 1777 [later corrected to 1776] at fort Moultrie on Sullivans

Island near Charles Town, and that he has no evidence in his power of his said service but the affidavits of William Kyngore [sic: William Kingore, pension application S38122] and George Syphert [sic: George Seifret, S38132]. [Oath similar to the preceding follows.]

“One small mare. I have no trade but work occasionally as a labourer.

Richard hisXmark Murray

NOTE: On 5 Sep 1837 Murray applied to have his pension payable in Ohio, having moved to Belmont County for the following reason: “his two sons have removed to Ohio and now reside in Belmont county, and being old and infirm he desires to be with them.”