

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Matthew Murry S40186 MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Pennsylvania ss } At an adjourned Court of Common pleas held at Beaver in and for the County of
Beaver County } Beaver on this nineteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and
twenty personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for said County

Matthew Murry 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 provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820. that he the said Matthew Murry enlisted in Georgetown in the State of Maryland for the term of three years on or about the fifteenth day of September 1781 in the company Commanded by Captain William Murdock in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Stewart in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps for four months and was then turned over to and engaged in Captain Brown's [Jerome Le Brun de Bellecoeur] troop of horse in Colonel Armong's Regiment [sic: Charles Armand's Legion] in the Service of the United States on the Continental establishment that he continued in the service of the said Corps untill the end of the war in the year 1783 when he was discharged from said Service in York Town the State of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Munks corner [sic: Moncks Corner SC] and the Bullock pens near Gilford South Carolina [see endnote], and at the Capture of Lord Cornwallace at York in Virginia [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and that he has no other evidence now in his Power of his services except depositions of John Coxon [John Coxson] and John Mease [John May] which accompany this his application, And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of 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 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.

Schedule the declarant owns and possesses the following property (viz) twenty acres of Land on which is a Cabbin and small stable and about six acres of Land bland

1 Mare worth about	\$33}	Indebted to John May	\$17.00
1 Cow worth about	15}	with 4 years Interest	
Houshold furniture do	5}	D'o to my son Matthew	24.00
		Do to James McCrary	3.00
		Do Mr Oakly Harmony	5.00

Matthew hisXmark Murry

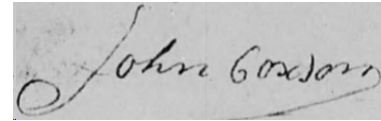
The declarant further states that he is a farmer but is rendered unable to labour by reason of Rupture and other infirmities his family consists of a wife aged about forty nine years one son named James aged fourteen years, one son named Robert aged eleven years, and one daughter named nancy aged twenty eight years

Sworn to and declared in open Court 19th Sept'r 1820 Matthew hisXmark Murry

Mercer County [PA] Ss

Before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County Personally Came John Coxson who being duly sworn according to Law Deposeth and Saith that he was well acquainted with a certain Mathew Murry now Residing in the County of Beaver and state of Pennsylvania when he the said Murry was in the service of the United States a Soldier in a troop of horse Attached to the Reg't of Colonel Armung this Deponent further saith that the said Murry was Discharged at Little york in Pennsylvania and Resided in

york County P.a. for several years after the next place this Deponent saw the said Murry Residing was in Beaver County P.a. and that he has continued to Reside there untill this time Sworn and subscribed December 20th 1819



Crawford County [PA] Ss

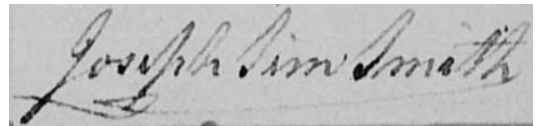
Personally apperd before me Alexander Dunn Esq'r a justice of the peace in and for said County John May and Being duly Sworan did say that he was well a qainted with Mathew Murry in the yeare one thousand seven hundred and eighty three and it was well known to this witness that the said Mathew Murry searved in the Trupe of Light Horse under the Cammand of Curnal Armong and was discharged in Little york in the state of Pennsylvania. [signed] John May

Sworan and Subscribed Before me the 28th day of August 1820

State of Maryland Frederick County To wit

I do hereby Cirtify that Mathew Murrey this day called on me to know wheter I had any recollection of him as being a Soldier in the first Partizan Legion of Horse and Infantry Commanded Col. Armand on the Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War, from the length of time I must say that I do not recollect him but from his naming a number of the Officers and Soldiers of the Legion and relating a number of the most remarkable occurences that happened in the Legion at different times and at the time that they were discharged all which come fully to my recollection I have no doubt on my mind but that he was a Soldier in the said Legion about two years and behaved himself well I was a Cornet in the said Legion and was at Little York in Pennsylvania when they were discharged Given under my hand the second day of March Eighteen hundred and twenty one

[Joseph Sim Smith BLWt2126-150]



Loudon Cy V.a [sic: Loudoun County VA]

March 6th 1821

Appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid Philip McDade & being sworn according to law Deponeths & sayeth, that he is well acquainted with a certain Mathew Merry residing now in Bever County Pensylvania & that he was in the service of the united states with him a soaldier in a trop of horse commanded by Capt Brown & attach'd To Col Armungs Reg. this Deponent further sayeth that the said Murry was in the service with him better than twelve month & that he was discharged at little york P.a. to the best of his knowledge in the year 1783. given under my hand this 6th day of March 1821

NOTE: In Murry's declaration of service the only event that is consistent with the given date of enlistment and the service of Armand's Legion is Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown. After the surrender Armand's Legion did not leave Virginia until it was disbanded in October 1783. The battle of "Munks corner" might refer to the battle at Quinby Bridge and Shubrick Plantation near Moncks Corner SC, but that occurred on 17 Sep 1781, and of course Armand's Legion was not there. The battle at "Bullock pens near Gilford South Carolina" might refer to the battle of the Cowpens in SC on 17 Jan 1781, but Armand's Legion was not there. There is no Gilford in South Carolina; Murry may have had in mind Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina, about 125 miles from Cowpens.