

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Murphey (Murphy)¹ S40191

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State of Ohio Sct

Be it remembered that on the 10th day of July A.D. 1818 at Chillicothe personally came before me the subscriber President of the Court of Common Pleas of the Second Circuit, John Murphey resident of Ross County who after being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he is in the sixty seventh or sixty eighth year of his age, – that he enlisted on Second day of February A.D. 1777 as a soldier under Captain Jonathan Langdon of the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood, was at the battle of Brandywine on the 7th of September [1777], German town [Germantown] 4th of October [1777] and Monmouth on the 28th day of June following [1778] & was in the hospital near Yorktown when Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], and served until the closing of the war, and discharged but has no evidence in his power of it, other than above and that he received a wound in the right thigh which is healed and well and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn & subscribed before me

Anno Independence 43rd power State 16th

S/ John Thompson

S/ John Murphey, X his mark

State of Ohio Fairfield County SS

On this 14th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record it being the Supreme Court for the County and state aforesaid John Murphey aged seventy last July resident in said County and State aforesaid 11 or 12 [years?] who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the 12 Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood Company commanded by Captain Jonathan Langdon at first afterwards by Captain Benjamin Casey has received a pension the date of his original certificate 10th day of July 1818 – the number 9645 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, that my wife Elizabeth is aged about 40 sickly my profession a farmer have a

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crippled shoulder a broken abdomen have to where a truss a wounded leg received at Paoli the other stiff by reason of a cut with an ax and the [indecipherable word, could be intended to be 'sciatica']² in the hip my neck also stiff by reason of a fall and of a truth entirely disabled that the following is a correct schedule of all my property

One cow and calf purchased by his last pension money worth	\$10,00 [sic]
3 hogs 2 of them given me about 2 weeks since	3.00
one skillet one Stone cattle cost	2,00 [sic]
2 old stools 6 old knives and forks	
4 old plates to of them broken 2	
cups and saucers 2 old hoes and a broken ax all worth	2,00[sic]
	\$17=00

S/ John Murphey, X his mark

Chelsea, 1st November, 1811

Dr. Sir,

the barracks John Murphey, was a meritorious soldier during the Revolutionary War. He waits on you with his Documents in expectation of obtaining his bounty in Lands.

I have the honor to be, with the Greatest Respect

Dr. Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

S/ James Wood³



The Honorable
the Lieutenant Governor

I Jonathan Clark, a Lieutenant Colonel in the late revolutionary War, and in the 8th Regiment Virginia forces – on Continental Establishment – Commanded by Colonel James Wood – do certify, that John Murphy was a soldier in said Regiment. And that it appears from the Regimental book of said Regiment, now in my possession, that the said John Murphey enlisted for 3 years in Captain Jonathan Langdon's Company of the 12th Regiment (afterwards the said 8th Regiment) on the 10th day of January 1777 – And that on the 20th day of December, 1778, the said Murphy reenlisted in said Regiment during the war, (this last enlistment likewise in my possession) and I do further certify that it does not appear by the said book that the said Murphey had been discharged or that he had deserted during the war – so conclude that he did serve to the end of the war.

Given under my hand this 27th day of September 1811

S/ Jona. Clark, late Lieutenant Colonel
8th Regiment Virginia forces, on Continental

² *Sciatica*

³ formerly a Brigadier General in the revolutionary war in the Virginia service; also formerly the Governor of Virginia

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 10, 1818, for service as a private for 6 years in the Virginia Continental line.]