

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McMurray S41862

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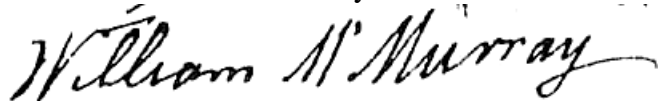
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The Deposition of William McMurray of the County of Jefferson, State of Ohio -- Sheweth -- This Deponent entered the service of his Country in the Army of the Revolution, about the first of June in the year of our Lord 1775 -- enlisting as a private soldier in the company of Capt. John Louden [?]¹ of the first Regiment in the Pennsylvania Line commanded by Col. Thompson [William Thompson] for the term of one year -- In this time the Deponent marched from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania to Boston where his time having expired he reenlisted in the same Company, Regiment & line for 2 years and served therein at the Battles of the Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777]. He was among those unfortunate Americans who were unmercifully [?] massacred by the British at Paoli [September 21, 1777], where he was wounded and escaped with difficulty. He was honorably discharged at the Army, Valley Forge in Pennsylvania in June 1778. This discharge the Deponent has unfortunately lost. He again entered the service on board an armed Vessel called the "*South Carolina*" commanded by Commodore Gilliland [sic, Alexander Gillon] (Capt. John Joiner). He was taken from this Vessel, put into a Prison Ship at New York confined for three months, suffering many and great hardships until he effected his escape by stratagem -- further he deposes & says that he from the reduced state of his circumstances is in great need of the assistance of his Country for support, that he never has received any pension or compensation whatever from the United States.

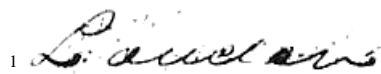
S/ William McMurray



State of Ohio Jefferson County: 28th of April 1818

Personally came William McMurray who subscribed & was duly sworn to the within Deposition before me.

S/ Benj. Tappan, President
of the Court of Common
Pleas in the Ninth Circuit



John Lowdon according to Heitman

of the State of Ohio

[Thomas Vaughan, Charles Cochran and James Long gave affidavits supporting McMurray's services in the Penn. line.]

The State of Ohio Guernsey County: SS

On this 17th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County William McMurray aged Sixty-seven years, resident in Beaver Township in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. In the first Regiment of the Pennsylvania line Capt. John Lowdon's Company, original declaration dated the 28th day of April 1818, a number of the pension certificate is 15170. 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 other wise 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

Schedule

3 horse creatures	at \$30	\$90.00
2 cows and calves	at \$12	24.00
1 hog	at \$3	3.00
6 Shoats	at \$1	6.00
1 old waggon	at 45	45.00
2 split bottom chairs, 1 Tea Kettle, 6 plates some few Knives & c worth altogether		<u>4.00</u>
		\$72.00

I have a small crop of grain in the field which I obtained by clearing land for a man at the rate of four crops for clearing it. My occupation a Farmer, but not able to do more than one fourth of the days work in a day. The number of my family is eight besides myself, viz.

- Ann my wife aged 46 years very sickly
- William aged 18 years, weakly in body
- George aged 16 -- as well as common
- Mary aged 14
- Betsey aged 12
- Patty aged 8 – Convulsive
- Hannah aged 6 -- Weakly
- Daraniah aged 4

(signed) William McMurray

Sworn to and declared on the 17th day of July A.D. 1820 in open Court.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 28, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the Pennsylvania Continental line and one year in the South Carolina Sea service.]