

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Owen Murphy S41908

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To the Honorable the Secretary of War

The Memorial of Owen Murphy residing at present in Allegheny County and State of Pennsylvania

Respectfully represents,

That your memorialist enlisted as a private soldier in the 12 Virginia Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel James Wood on the 11th December 1776 in the company of Captain Joseph Mitchel – Served in this Regiment (which was afterwards called the eighth) for three years against the common enemy at the expiration of which time he was honorably discharged by Colonel Wood at Morris Town [Morristown] in the State of New Jersey.

S/ Owen Murphy



Pennsylvania Sct.

Before the undersigned President of the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania Personally appeared Owen Murphy who being duly sworn doth depose and say that the facts as set forth in his Memorial as annexed are just & true and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for his support – He therefore prays the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 entitled "An act provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War."

S/ Owen Murphy

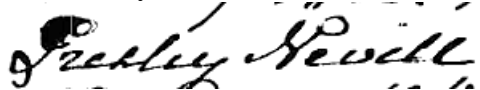


This is to certify that Owen Murphy was enlisted as a private Soldier in the 12th Virginia Regiment in the spring of 1777, and that I first knew him in that situation at Middlebrook in Jersey in June of that year. I recollect Owen Murphy well for some considerable time no doubt for at least three campaigns as three years was the common term of enlistment. Owen Murphy acted as a waiter during the campaign of 1777 to Captain Joseph Mitchell of the said 12th Virginia Regiment a brother officer, which was the first cause of my knowing him –

Owen Murphy is a small man, with a large nose and was an orderly well disposed

soldier, – Owen Murphy has a family but no property of consequence, he works a small piece of rental land in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania – he is upwards of 60 years of age – Given under my hand Clermont County Ohio September 20th, 1818

S/ Presley Nevill late an officer in the revolutionary Army
12th Virginia Regiment & by Brevet a Lt. Colo.
in the Army of the United States



United States of America Weston District of Pennsylvania: SS

On this 30th day of August personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said district, Owen Murphy aged seventy-six, resident in Allegheny County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted for three years, on the 11th day of December 1776 in Martinsburg Berkeley County Virginia in Captain J. Mitchell's Company in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood in the line of the State of Virginia, that he served three years in one continued service, on the Continental establishment, and against the common enemy that he was honorably discharged on the 11th day of December 1779 at Morristown which discharge together with his house was burnt in Frederick County, That during his service aforesaid he was at the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and in several skirmishes and at the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], 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

Schedule

2 cows worth \$5 apiece, 2 calves worth one dollar apiece, 2 horses worth \$20, 8 she worth one dollar apiece, half dozen of [indecipherable word] bottom chairs worth 25 cents of peace, one table worth 50 cents, one old augers worth 10 cents, 2 old axes worth 50 cents the peace, one iron wedge 12 ½, one shovel plow worth \$1.50, one harrow worth \$1.50, one common plow worth \$3, one very old card worth \$5 and bought 12 years ago, 4 knives and forks worth about 25 cents, one dozen of plates worth 50 cents, 3 Potts and a Dutch oven worth \$1.50, 2 smoothing irons worth 50 cents, one cradling scythe worth \$2, one nickel worth 3 ½ cents, one dozen of chickens worth 8 cents apiece, one old mattock worth 25 cents, 2 pair of James worth 50 cents apiece, 2 collars worth one dollar, one saddle worth \$2, 3 old bridles worth 75 cents, old coffee mill worth 25 cents, 3 old hoes worth 50 cents, the above property is held in partnership with my son, the value of the whole \$166.06 his part \$33.03 – The debts due by the father and son \$99.75 his share \$49.87 ½

That he receives a pension by virtue of a certificate dated first day of June 1819 and No. 11.207 that he has no family residing with him except his wife who is aged sixty-eight years and his son above mentioned who has no family and aged twenty-six, his former occupation was a farmer but from old age and debility is totally unable to pursue it and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country.

