

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Murphey S5798

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State of Virginia } SS

County of Fauquier } On this 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of court of Fauquier county now sitting John Murphey a resident of the county of Fauquier and state of Virginia aged one hundred years next new years day; who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. I entered the service of the united states on the 4th day of September 1780 under the command of Captain James Winn. I was drafted to go to the South. I marched from the County of Fauquier and state of Virginia to Hillsborough [sic: Hillsborough] in the state of North Carolina; General [William] Smallwood commanded us for a short time; and then we were put under the command of General [Daniel] Morgan who commanded us to the time we were dismissed. I was at the taking of Rudgeley fort [Tory Col. Henry Rugeley's fortified barn 12 mi N of Camden SC, 4 Dec 1780], and also at the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]; I was discharged the last of February in the year 1781. I was drafted again in the month of July 1781 and served until the middle of October of the same year. the last tour I served under Captain William Grigsby Major Wealch and Col. Elias Edmonds.

Q. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans I was born in the city of Dublin, in the year 1733.

Q Have you any record of your age.

Ans I have none

Q. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolution war, and where do you now live?

Ans I lived in the county of Fauquier and State of Virginia when called into service, and have lived in the said place since that time.

Q How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Ans I was drafted.

Q Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans I got a discharge in Salsberry [sic: Salisbury] North Carolina from my southern tour, and it was signed by Major Triplett I have lost

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

John Murphey

NOTE: Thomas O'Bannon, pension application S5851, deposed that he served with Murphey in both tours.