

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Murtle S5799

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State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices now sitting Benjamin Murtle a resident of the said County and State aged sixty-eight years, 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 the 7th June 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, as herein after stated.

That he was born in the County of Culpeper in February 1763. That he entered the service in October and marched to North Carolina. That in that tour he was at Cheraw Hills in the State of South Carolina, was also at Pedee, or in Pedee River, He was in a little skirmish at Yadkin's River [Yadkin River] with the Army of Cornwallis's Army was also at Salisbury town during the tour and was discharged at Pittsylvania old Court house, and came home by the way of Albemarle Barracks. Again about the 1st of May 1781, he was drafted when a reinforcement was necessary to turn Cornwallis' Army back from pursuing the Americans up the Country. That he marched first under Captain F. Nalle to Raccoon Ford, and immediately went on to Ground Squirrel Bridge, thence to Dandridge's old field where the enemy was expected. Colonel Allcok [Allcock or Alcock?] commanded, and Major Welsh and Major DeCloman [Christian Charles DeKlauman Charles Deklaman R13678] a Frenchman, That he marched on to Maborn Hills [Malvern Hills] and was discharged, having served about two months.

That he was not again in the service, that he can prove the above service by Captain Daniel Brown,¹ William Brown² and __ Breedlove.³

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed
the day & date aforesaid

S/ F. F. Lightfoot

S/ Benjamin Murtle⁴

I, William Brown a resident of Culpeper County Virginia do hereby certify that I knew Benjamin Murtle who subscribes the above Declaration in the Revolutionary Army and was with him on the service of which he speaks as being in May 1781 about Malvern Hills, and further that he served out the full tour, which was then more than two months. I have known Mr. Murtle ever

¹ [Daniel Brown W5907](#)

² [William Brown W5879](#)

³ perhaps [John Breedlove S2102](#)

⁴ Not the signature of the applicant but rather the name of the applicant written by the scribe

since, and consider him entitled to credit, in what he states.

S/ William Brown

I Mason Newman of Madison County Virginia do hereby certify that I was with Benjamin Murtle who subscribes the above Declaration in the service of which he speaks as being in North Carolina and certify to what he says of his being as the different places he mentions. That tour was considered as a six months Tour though I think it was something over five months. I have none Mister Murtle ever since the war and consider him entitled to credit.

S/ Mason Newman, X his mark

I John Breedlove of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged 80 years do hereby certify that Benjamin Murtle of the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia was drafted in the Militia from the County of Culpeper Virginia for a tour of six months, the impression on my mind is that he only served about five months before he was discharged. I think it was in the month of October or November 1780. He marched in the Company under the command of Captain Benjamin Lillard, and was shortly afterwards transferred to Captain Yancey's Company. I was in the same tour and a part of the time under the same captains. The tour was South of this and extending to the Cheraw Hills in the State of South Carolina. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of September 1832.

S/ John Breedlove, X his mark

And the court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant, he being under oath and which he answered as hereinafter stated, viz.:

Question. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, in the County of Culpeper Virginia in the month of February 1763 –

Question. Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it

Answer I have no record – I learned my age from my Parents

Question. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was a substitute for Vincent Vaughan in the Carolina Service, and was drafted in the other tour.

Question. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served; and Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: General Stephens commanded the Brigade in the Carolina service, succeeded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] – Colonel Glenn commanded the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Lucas and Major Stubblefield, Captain Yancey – In Virginia and 81 at first Captain Wallis' Company transferred to Captain Wood – Colonel Allcock, Major Welsh &c I saw many officers such as Wayne Marquis &c I have stated the circumstances of my service in my Declaration

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

Answer. I never received a discharge in writing – was discharged by the Regiment.

Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And Captain Brown, Captain Turner, Doctors Sowers, Major Brown &c I prove by service by persons entitled to credit as is known to the court.

State of Virginia Culpeper County Sct:

On this 29th of December 1832 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Benjamin Murtle of said County and state who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the tour (of which he speaks in his declaration made in open Court on the 18th September last, as being in the Carolinas, and commencing in October 1780) he always thought, went for a six months tour, though it might have been a little less; but that he knows it was for at least five months and that the other tour ending at Malvern Hills was for upwards of two months, he thinks two and a half but is positive as to two months, and that he claims for at least 7 months service in all, which he knows he did render. And further that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood or within ten miles of him which is known to the justice to be true.

Given under my hand this day and year first above written.

Armistead Brown, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]