

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Merrit Murrel (Murril) S9045

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State of North Carolina Duplin County} SS. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On the 26th of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Stephen Graham, William K. Freder, McGibson Sloan, Esquires now sitting, Merritt Murrell [sic] of said County, who will be Eighty-Four years of age on the 2nd of May next; who being 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. That he volunteered in a Company of Light horse commanded by Captain Peeples [Robert Peoples] in Northampton County in this State marched from thence on through Hillsboro to Charlotte and Salisbury thence back the same route to Halifax where he was discharged after a service of 3 months -- he shortly afterwards again volunteered under Captain Howell Tatem [Howell Tatum] for a 3 months service and marched to the County of Wake where he was taken sick, he after his recovery again volunteered in Duplin County under Captain Daniel Williams and served four months in South Carolina and marched back to Duplin where he was discharged and returned to Northampton where he remained and volunteered several short tours of duty under Captain Lowe, Captain Linton, Major Peeples and number of other Officers whose names Deponent cannot recollect but he is positive that he served in all upwards of 2 years -- deponent also swears that he never received a written discharge as he can recollect.

I do 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,
Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Jn Pearsall, Clk

S/ Merritt Murrell, X his mark

[James Wright and James K. Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I am 84 years old & was born in Northampton County North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: The book has been lost in which it was

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Northampton when called into service & in Duplin since the war --

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I served always in the militia was first under the command of General Jones & went with him to Charlotte, to Salisbury & to Halifax. Major Peoples was with us -- was altogether in service upwards of 2 years --

6th 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 never received any --

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: John Watkins, James K. Hill -- Holloway Hodges

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of the County of Duplin Merritt Murrill who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age, bad health, being at present confined by illness and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below viz.

For two years I served as a private soldier and for such service I claim a pension.

Deponent saith also that in consequence of his loss of memory he is unable to give the date of the year in which he served as stated in his declaration but will refer to Colonel Thomas Wright of this County who he expects will be able to testify to a part of the service. Deponent further saith that there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of August 1833

Attest S/ Edward Outlaw, JP

S/ Merit Murril, X his mark

Merritt Murrell

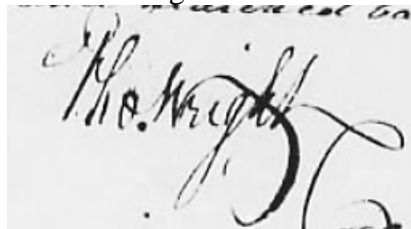
Declaration

Personally appeared before the Undersigned a Justice of the peace of the County of Duplin Thomas Wright Sr. who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he knows Merritt Murrell the Applicant and well remembers having served with him in a tour of duty as deponent believes in the year 1781 under Captain Daniel Williams & James Kenan as Colonel during the above tour we marched to South Carolina and served as well as deponent can recollect 3 months and marched back to Duplin where we were discharged.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 16th day of August 1833

S/ James Lawson, JP

S/ Thos. Wright¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Wright". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is some faint, illegible text above the signature, possibly a name or title.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Thomas Wright S7976](#)