

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Murphey (Murphy) S9436

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The State of Mississippi Simpson County SS } In the Circuit Court At October Term 1832

On this the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Edward Turner Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now holding the term of the Circuit Court of the County of Sampson & State aforesaid now sitting Richard Murphey a resident of said County aged seventy 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 June 7th 1832.

That he the said Richard Murphey entered the service of the United States about the year 1778, as a volunteer fifer under Captain Dickson [William Dickson] and was out a tour of but a few weeks in which he went to Wilmington. About the early part of the year 1781, he joined the light horse company then formed and commanded by Captain Michael Kinion [Michael Kenan] a brother of General Kinion's [sic, Colonel James Kenan] as a volunteer in the said service of the United States that he marched with said company to Nawriver Chapel [sic, New River Chapel¹]. That shortly afterwards he went out again in said company of light horse then under command of Captain David Dodd. That he went to trips under Captain Dodd in the last of which he marched to a place called Rockfish. That during the time he belonged to said light horse company he recollects that Owen Kinion [Owen Kenan] was shot by the Tories. That he the said Richard Murphey remained in said company at the least for the period of one year & he thinks during a longer time. That during the time that he belong to said company he was either out in said service or waiting as a minute man in readiness to go at a moment's warning. That during the said period of one year that he belonged to said company, he considers himself engaged in the service of the Country. That during said service he saw General Caswell [Richard Caswell] on his march with his Army towards Wilmington to head the Tories but that he fell in with them at what was called the widow Moors Creek [Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776]² where a hard battle ensued. That he recollects General Kinion. That he was in no particular engagements during said service but had many conflicts with the Tories. That he left the said service about the close of the Revolutionary war. That he resided in Dupeland [sic, Duplin] County North

¹ There is an historical marker near Richlands in Onslow County, NC marking the location of three successive churches; an Anglican congregation until 1758; from 1758 to 1877, a Baptist Church and from 1877 a Disciples of Christ congregation. I am guessing the reference is to this location.

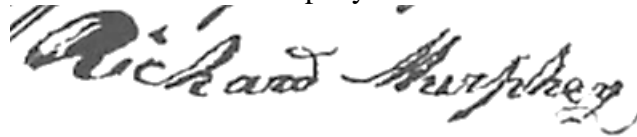
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² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

Carolina when he entered the service, that he entered said service as a volunteer as aforesaid and served during said war at least for the period of one year as aforesaid. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And that he the said Richard Murphey 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 of the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before
S/ E. Turner, Presiding Judge

S/ Richard Murphey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Murphey". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes.

[Wilks Honea, a clergyman, and James Brooks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Mississippi Simpson County SS} Circuit Court At October Term 1833

On this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Thomas A. Willis Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit of the State aforesaid Richard Murphey a resident of said County aged seventy-one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he the said Richard Murphey volunteered and entered the Army of the United States in the year 1778 as a Fifer in the company commanded by Captain William Dickson in Duplin County North Carolina under Colonel James Kinion [James Kenan] and served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority for the period of 2 or 3 weeks -- during which service he recollects marching to Wilmington. That about the early part of the year 1781, he joined a light horse company then formed and commanded by Captain Michael Kenan a brother of General Kenan's as a volunteer soldier in the Army of the United States and served as a private with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority for the period of one year in North Carolina Duplin County in the Regiment or corps commanded by Colonel James Kenan and marched during said service in said Army to New River Chapel that he afterwards marched to a place called Rockfish -- to Little Cohary [sic, Cohera Swamp] where he recollects Owen Kenion [Major Owen Kenan brother of Col. James Kenan was killed 5/11/1781 at Cohera Swamp]³ was killed by the Tories. That by reason [indecipherable word or words, looks like "Elosaw"] of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the number of the Regiment in which he performed said service. That the reason why he did not procure a clergyman in court to testify as to his service & reputation as a Revolutionary Soldier &c. is because he did so in his declaration of 15th of October 1832 to which this is supplementary. That he was born in the year 1762 in Duplin County North Carolina where he resided when he entered said service. That he has no record of his age. That he has lived since the Revolutionary [war] in North & South Carolina and in the State of Mississippi where he now resides & has resided near twenty-five years. That he entered said service as a volunteer, that he recollects the names of General Caswell and Major Molton. That he does not recollect whether he ever received a written discharge from said service or not but that if he ever received one it is long

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_majors.html [search for "Kenan, Owen"]

since lost. That he is known in his neighborhood to James Brooks, Jacob Keen, William Massey & William Catchings and others who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolutionary war. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person who he can procure who can testify to his service and that he the said Richard Murphey 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 in the union.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Murphey

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia, as a fifer in the cavalry.]