

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Murdock W17180

Margaret f46NC

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[f p. 3]

An account of my children's ages

Robert was born July the 10th 1780

James was born June 30th 1783

Jennett was born January 12th 1785

Nancy was born may 12 1787

Andrew was born June 5th 1789

Margaret was born April 22nd 1793

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 17th day of April 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, at her own residence (she being too infirm to attend court) Margaret Murdock, a resident of Hawfields in the County of Orange aforesaid, aged 87 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, maketh on oath the following statement (viz.)

And that she is too infirm to attend Court to make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 4th 1836 and is therefore under the necessity of making heard her Declaration at her own residence before one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the aforesaid County of Orange (viz.)

1<sup>st</sup> This Declarant believes, that her Deceased husband Andrew Murdock aforesaid, volunteered as private in the militia in the United States Service in the winter of 1776, and Served a tour of duty of 2 or 3 months in the "Scotch Camp," as private of Dragoons -- John Williams, Captain & General Butler, Superior Officer. That her husband (the aforesaid Andrew Murdock, was residing in this County, when he entered the Service under Captain Williams -- that said tour this Declarant understands was a legally organized one and called into Service by Competent authority. She proves her deceased husband's service in this Tour by the affidavits of Thomas Tate,<sup>1</sup> Samuel Nelson<sup>2</sup> & Johnson Webb<sup>3</sup> whose several affidavits are hereunto attached.

2. This Declarant (the said Margaret Murdock) further states upon her said oath, that she has understood and does believe that her Deceased husband aforesaid, Andrew Murdock, sometime in the Summer of the year 1777, volunteered a 2nd time in the United States service as private for & served a 9 months tour of duty. One Robert Moore was Captain as this Declarant understands & Archibald Lytle of Hillsboro Colonel: -- Rendezvoused at Moon's Creek in

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Tate S7675](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Nelson S8916](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Johnson \(Johnston\) Webb W3904](#)

Caswell County -- went to Peytonsburg in Virginia -- thence to the South and after performing said 9 months service, was discharged in Hillsboro by Colonel Lytle. In this Tour this Declarant states that her Deceased husband Andrew Murdock, aforesaid, as she has always understood was in a legally organized corps and called into Service by Competent Authority. The service of her husband the aforesaid, this Declarant proves by the affidavit of Johnson Webb of Chatham County, Said affidavit is here unto annexed.

3. This Declarant, the said Margaret Murdock, further states upon her said oath, that her deceased husband, Andrew Murdock aforesaid, Volunteered as private in the United States Service on or about the first of June 1781, in a Company of Militia, of which \_\_ Thompson was Captain and William Lytle Lieutenant as she has understood and believes -- and Dudley, Colonel: -- that in this tour her husband with the said Troops were marched into Chatham, Moore and Randolph counties, were also at Brush Creek & Bell's Mills -- and was stationed at both of the last mentioned places some time. This tour this Declarant has understood was a 3 months tour. She proves this Tour by the affidavit of John Dolley,<sup>4</sup> whose impression is, that said Tour was 3 months and one week.

The affiants, Tate & Nelson also speak of a Tour that her deceased husband served this year, 1781. And this Tour the Declarant understands and believes was a legally organized one and called into service by Competent Authority.

4th. This Declarant further states upon her said oath, that she has understood and so believes, that her deceased husband Andrew Murdock aforesaid, volunteered a 4th and last time as private in the United States Service (being the 2nd tour after we were married). In this Tour -- Hodge was Captain (this declarant's brother) Colonel Robert Mebane of the Continental Line, was Colonel: and John Butler, Brigadier General -- This tour this Declarant understood and believes was to rescue the Governor (Burke) and the other prisoners, Continental and Militia that Colonel Fanning made when he surprised and captured the Town of Hillsborough in the aforesaid County. That said Troops pursued the enemy to Wilmington in this State and remained in that Section of the State for some time harassing the enemy; -- This Tour, this Declarant, thinks commenced the day after the capturing of Hillsboro, which as she understands was on or about the 15th day of September, 1781. This Declarant was under the impression, that said Tour was 3 months Tour: but John Dolley who was in said Tour, said his 4th and his affidavit, it was a tour of 3 1/2 months. Mr Dolley's recollection, this affiant says, may be more accurate than hers & if so, it was a 3 1/2 months tour. In this tour, this Declarant says she has understood and so believes that her deceased husband Andrew Murdock, aforesaid was in a legally organized Corps, and called into service by competent authority, this tour ended (she thinks) last of December, 1781. --

This Declarant states that she knows of no documentary evidence of her deceased husband's Revolutionary Services -- that he died about 20 years ago, when all his papers passed into the hands of his Executor.

That as above stated, her deceased husband was living in this County during the Revolutionary war, and continued to reside in this County till time of his death.

That when her deceased husband entered the service, her impression is, he uniformly volunteered, and was a private, and that he served in all of the four above Tours.

That he served 2 months after we were married.

And this Declarant further states upon her said oath -- that she and Andrew Murdock aforesaid were married on the 10th day of January, 1780 -- and that her husband the aforesaid Andrew died on the 26th day of February 1817.

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<sup>4</sup> [John Dolley S6802](#)

That she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ Thomas Tate, JP

S/ Margaret Murdock, X her mark

[f p. 11: On the 30th day of December 1837 in Orange County, James Dixon, 70, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he is the half brother of Andrew Murdock and he attest the fact of the marriage of Andrew Murdock to Margaret Mebane in February 1780.]

[f p. 11: On January one, 1838 in Orange County, Joseph White, 70, gave testimony that Margaret Mebane was the daughter of Colonel Alexander Mebane. Joseph White also testifies as follows: "My father Stephen White (now dead) I have often heard say, he was at Mr. Murdock's in February 1781, when there was an engagement between some of our troops and the British picket's, said Murdoch was with our men and in the engagement, and Mrs. Margaret Murdock expressed much uneasiness."]

[f pp. 12-16—detailed affidavit by Margaret Murdock responding to objections from the Pension office: new facts: she married her husband in Hillsboro; that they were married by William Countney, Esq; she also states: "She also remembers that in the month of February next following after she and the said Murdoch were married, she and her husband were living on the Main road leading from Hillsboro to Gilbreath's ferry (the same place where the widow Allen now lives) and that while living there, in February 1781, the British Army under Lord Cornwallis passed her house.

"This Declarant also remembers that in the aforesaid month of February her husband the aforesaid Andrew Murdock, was as a private Soldier in the United States service, and remembers very well, not only from an incident that happened to one of the soldiers, James Minnis, who was out at that time, but from her husband, being with others in a small engagement with an advance party of the British, as they marched out of Hillsboro in 1781 and remembers well, how distressed she was, fearing that her husband might have been killed in said engagement, that she had then her eldest child & he was about 7 or 8 months old...."]

[f p. 18]

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 20th day of January 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Ezekiel Brewer, a resident of the said County, now in the 74th year of his age, who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh oath, that he was well acquainted with the late Andrew Murdock of the aforesaid County, and remembers very distinctly that said Murdoch was a private in the United States service, under Colonel Lytle and was in a nine months tour, saw said Murdoch in Hillsboro in the service in said Tour under Colonel Archibald Lytle said Tour Commenced in the fall, this Deponent thinks of 1778, and ended some time the next summer 1779. Said Troops in which was said Murdoch were marched back to Hillsborough & there discharged. I have often heard said Andrew Murdock speak of his serving this nine months and of his being in the Battle at Brier Creek and of the narrow escape he had in swimming the Savannah River from the Georgia to the South Carolina side --

Said Murdoch was esteemed a true Whig and to my recollection was in the other tours,

militia, and the United States Service in the war of the Revolution.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me

S/ Thomas Brewer, JP

S/ Ezekiel Brewer

[f p. 22]

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 2nd day of Marched, 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Minnis 53 years of age a resident of the aforesaid County, who being first duly qualified according to the law maketh oath, that he has heard his father John Minnis<sup>5</sup> (Deceased) who was a United States pensioner, said that Andrew Murdock (deceased) of Orange aforesaid, served 2 tours of duty in the militia with him, to which, the "Scotch Camp" in 1776, and a tour in 1781, when this affiant uncle, James Minnis was killed

This affiant further saith upon his oath that said Andrew Murdock (Deceased) was reputed a good Soldier in the War of the Revolution and a man of truth & veracity.

Sworn and subscribed this the 2nd day of March 1837, before me

S/ J. W. McGee, JP

S/ Wm Minnis

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 3rd day of March 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Samuel Nelson a resident citizen of the County of Orange aforesaid now in the 81st year of his age and an United States pensioner, who being first duly qualified, maketh oath that in the winter of 1776, he was in the United States Service as a private in the militia of Captain Williams's Company and remembers that Andrew Murdock (Deceased) was a soldier in said tour –

And this affiant further states upon his oath, that he has always understood and has never heard it contradicted that said Murdoch was a private in the United States Service in the Spring of the year 1781, in Captain Hodge's Company.

And this affiant in conclusion says that the said Andrew Murdock was a good and an active Whig -- and was a man of truth and veracity.

Sworn and Subscribed this the 3rd day of March 1837 before me

[bears no signature of either an attesting officer or the affiant]

[f p. 23]

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this study 14th day of March 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County, John Dolley a resident of the said County now in the 84th year of his age, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that in the war of the Revolution, he served several tours of duty in the Militia as private --

That on or about the first day of June 1781, this affiant volunteered as a private in the United States service, Dudley was ([indecipherable word] part of the time) Thompson was Captain & little was Lieutenant, we rendezvoused at Hillsboro. On this tour I was out as near as I can recollect 3 months and one week in all of which Tour, Andrew Murdock, a resident of the County aforesaid now deceased was a private with us all of said Tour. Said Murdoch was a private of Infantry all of said Tour with us.

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<sup>5</sup> [John Minnis S9413](#)

This affiant further states upon his said oath, that on or about the 15th day of September in the same year 1781 that as a private in the militia he again volunteered in the United States service -- our object was to rescue the Governor and the other troops that had then been recently taken by Colonel Fanning -- in this tour Captain Hodge had command of the Company to which this affiant was attached -- Colonel Robert Mebane, Colonel Tinnen & General John Butler were our Superior officers. In this tour I served 3 months and 2 weeks as volunteer and was duly discharged & returned home --

In this tour Andrew Murdock aforesaid, was a private in said Hodge's Company all of said tour, which was 3 months and 2 weeks.

Said Andrew Murdock aforesaid was reputed a good Whig and served faithfully in the United States service, as private in the war of the Revolution as stated above.

Sworn and subscribed on this the 14th day of March 1837 before me  
S/ G. Hurdle, JP S/ John Dolley, X his mark

State of North Carolina Chatham County

On this the 22nd day of March 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Johnson Webb, a resident of the aforesaid County, aged about 92 years, and a United States pensioner, who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh oath that, in the War of the revolution he served 2 tours of duty as private in the United States Service in both of which Andrew Murdock formerly of Orange County (Deceased) was a private in said 2 tours with me (to wit:)

1<sup>st</sup> The first what is usually called the "Scotch Camp". This tour commenced sometime in the winter of 1776. In this Tour this affiant remembers that Andrew Murdock of Orange aforesaid was private in all of said tour. This tour was for 2 or 3 months duration, but thinks it was 3 months. This tour was a legally organized one and called into service by legal or competent authority.

2nd. This affiant states that further upon his said oath, that some time in the summer (he thinks it was) of 1778, he volunteered in the United Service for a 9 months period of duty -- one Robert Moore was Captain. We rendezvoused at Moons Creek in Caswell County, and at this rendezvous this affiant remembers of Andrew Murdock of Orange aforesaid (now deceased) joining the us as private at this rendezvous -- from this place we were marched to Peytonsbury in Virginia, thence were ordered to the South -- some time about Christmas following, we were at the 10 mile House (from Charleston) in South Carolina -- was a [sic, at] Purrysburg, at Golphins, Moore's Bluff -- at Augusta and at Brier Creek -- and at the 2 sisters in all the 9 months tour, said Andrew Murdock was with us -- we returned to Hillsborough in Orange County and were there discharged by Colonel Lytle.

In this tour we were in a legally organized Corps and called out into service by competent authority.

This affiant in conclusion says that said Andrew Murdock was always esteemed a good Whig and a man of truth and veracity.

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 22nd day of March 1837  
S/ Wm Lindley, JP S/ Johnson Webb, X his mark

The State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 30th day of March 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Thomas Tate, a resident citizen of the

aforesaid County, aged about 81 years, and an United States pensioner, who being first duly sworn according to law, maketh oath, that both before during and after the Revolutionary War, he was acquainted with Andrew Murdock a resident of the aforesaid County (now deceased) that said Murdoch during the war of the Revolution was reputed a good and substantial Whig. And this affiant remembers that when he served a 2 months tour in the militia in the United States Service as private of Dragoons in the winter & spring, he thinks it was of 1776, Andrew Murdock, aforesaid, was a private also of Dragoons, all of said 2 months tour in the same company with this affiant, to wit Captain Williams company.

In this tour we were in a legally organized Corps and called into service by Competent Authority.

This affiant remembers of seeing said Murdock again in the United States Service, in 1781.

And this affiant further states upon his said oath, that Andrew Murdock was married to Margaret Mebane, the president widow of said Andrew (Deceased) some time in the month of January 1780. -- Said Andrew Murdock, died about 20 years ago, -- leaving the aforesaid Margaret, his widow -- and this affiant, States upon his said oath, that the said Margaret still remains a widow -- nor has she ever married since the death of her husband, Andrew Murdock aforesaid.

Sworn and subscribed this the 30th day of March, 1837 before me  
S/ Thomas Tate, JP

S/ Thomas Tate

[f p. 31]

State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 31st day of March 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County, Samuel Nelson, a resident of said County now in the 81st year of his age, and an United States pensioner, who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh oath that, several years before the Revolutionary war this affiant first became acquainted with Andrew Murdock (Deceased) of the aforesaid County.

This affiant states that in the winter & spring of 1776, he served as a private in the militia in the United States service a tour of duty in what was usually called the "Scotch Camp." And this affiant remembers of said Andrew Murdock being a private in said Tour -- and this affiant and said Andrew Murdock came home in Company --

Said Murdoch was esteemed a good Whig and active in the war of the Revolution -- and this affiant remembers of said Murdoch being out in a tour in 1781 --

This affiant was well acquainted with said Andrew Murdock and remembers that said Murdock was married to his present widow Margaret Mebane in 1780 and 10th January as he understands. Said Murdock died about 20 years ago leaving the said Margaret his widow -- and this affiant says he has a distinct recollection also of the time when said Murdock died -- and this affiant knows that the said Margaret aforesaid still continues as widow of Andrew Murdock and has never married since the death of her husband, which occurred about 20 years ago as stated above.

Sworn and subscribed this the 31st day of March 1837 before me  
S/ W. F. Jones, JP

S/ Samuel Nelson