

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John B. Murray W24025

Rosanna Murray f40SC

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A family Register of John and Rosanne Murray

Ezekiel Murray born October the 14 1777

Thomas Murray born February the 17 1779

Deceased March the 19 1781

Joseph Murray May the 22 1781

Deceased April the 8 1786

Charity Murray born August the 28 1783

Deceased April the 11 1821

Dority Murray born July the 29 1786

Elizabeth Murray born June 29 1788

Benjamin Murray born May the 31 1790

Deceased the 2 of September 189 [sic]

David Murray born August 25 1792

Deceased December the 8 1794

Jane Murray born September the 16 1794

Nancy Murray born June the 3 1797

Peggy [sic] Murray born October the 15 1799

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State of Illinois County of Union } SS

On this the 9th Day of November 1836 personally appeared in open court before John Baltzell [?] & Charles C. Gatewood judicially sitting & forming a majority of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court -- in & for said County & state Rosannah Murry [sic] a resident of Union County & State of Illinois aged 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of John B. Murry who was a first Sergeant in the North Carolina State troops during the Revolutionary war, That he enlisted under Colonel Middleton but does not recollect the number of the Regiment which was commanded by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. That he enlisted in Burke County & State of North Carolina for the Term of 10 months, about the last of May 1781 and from said last mentioned place of enlistment he marched to South Carolina. That he was in a skirmish at Orangeburg in South Carolina, that he was discharged honorably from the service on the first day

of February 1782 and had a discharge showing that fact, during his lifetime which was put into the hands of Thomas Giles his administrator, who has since died and the discharge has been lost or mislaid so that it cannot now be found). That her said husband was on several tours of service against the Indians, previous to her marriage with him as he informed her amounting to 6 months in all sometime in the year 1773 but not seeing him in service during his said service against the Indians she cannot state under what officers he then served, that during his service after the Indians he scoured the mountains of North Carolina about Buncombe County, that being then a frontier part of the Country.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Murray on the ___ day of July 1774. That her husband the aforesaid John Murray died on the 31st day of January 1727 & that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof heretofore annexed.

S/ Rosannah Murry, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written in open Court

S/ Winstead Davie, Clerk

State of Illinois Union County: On this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord 1842 before the subscriber one of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for said County the same being a court of Record personally appeared Rosannah Murray a resident of said County aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4 1836. That she is the widow of John B. Murray who was a private in the Army during the War of the Revolution -- that her husband served different terms of duty in the time of the War that he served a tour of 3 months under Captain Thomas Whitson she thinks the above tour of 3 months was in the year 1775 or 1776 that her said husband after served a tour of 10 months as a mounted Ranger under General Sumter a part of it in North Carolina and a part in South Carolina. The 3 months tour above spoken of was in North Carolina -- that this tour of 10 months she knows of his serving -- that he was in the Battle at Orangeburg SC and laid sick for a time at that place and that she then being his wife went to Orangeburg where he was sick as aforesaid to see and to nurse and to care for him. She says that her said husband served a tour of 3 months under Colonel Charles McDowell previous to the said tour of 10 months. She further declares that she was married to the said John B. Murray some time in the year 1776 in Berks [sic, Burke] County North Carolina. She cannot tell the day or month of which she was married -- that the first child she had after the marriage aforesaid was born on the 14th day of October 1777 as appears by the family record which she verily believes is true and in the hand writing of her husband the said John B. Murray and that her husband the aforesaid John B. Murray died on the 31st day of January 1828 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Rosana Murray, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me

S/ Paul Frick, CC.

[p 15: Hezekiah West¹ gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he became acquainted with John B. Murray in 1810; that they conversed about their experiences in the revolutionary war and that West, having been at the site of the Orangeburg battle in South Carolina, believed

¹ [Hezekiah West S34519](#)

from the description of the area by Murray that Murray must have been there.]

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Raleigh 10th April 1837 Secretary of State's Office

Sir

I have not been able to find the name of John B. Murry on the rolls of the Army of the revolution in this Office. I find John Murray enlisted as a private in Captain Smith's company of the 4th Regiment in 1777 for 3 years -- made a Sergeant in October 1777 -- Colonel Middleton (I believe) was of South Carolina.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

[p 34: Certificate dated April 20, 1843 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's office in Columbia South Carolina indicating payments made to a John Murray as follows: for 59 days duty in the militia in the year 1779, 1781 & 1782; for 159 days of militia duty in 1779, 1780 & 1782 in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Goodwyn Captain Kirkland's company -- 80 days as a horseman and 49 days as a footman; 20 days in John Taylor's Regiment Captain Frazer's company in 1781; and 30 days in Captain Pope's company in 1782.]

[Veteran's widow was granted a pension at the rate of \$22.20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]