

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Murphy W24167 Sarah Murphy NC
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State of North Carolina }
County of Franklin }

On this 14th day of June 18 hundred & forty two, personally appeared before us two of the acting Magistrates in & for the said County Sarah Murphy aged ninety one 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 was married to James Murphy (who was a Militia Soldier, & served as such for six months, in the No. Carolina Militia under Capt. Joel Wren [of Warren County] & other Militia officers of the revolution) on the 1st day of March 17 Hundred & Seventy Nine (1779)

She further declares that her Husband the said James Murphy died on the 3rd day of January 1826 – and that she is now a widow & has never married since her said Husband James Murphy died, as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to & Subscribed.

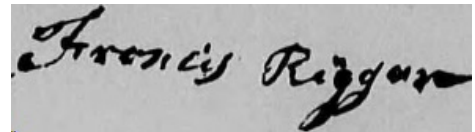
Sarah herXmark Murphy

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of North Carolina }
County of Warren } S.S.

I Frances Riggan [sic: Francis Riggan, pension application S9054] of the state & county aforesaid a Revolutionary Soldier aged 78 years, certify on Oath, that I was well acquainted with James Murphy, and his wife Sarah, whose maiden name was Sarah Strother – the said, James Murphy was a Militia Soldier in the Revolutionary War and served as such for Six Months, to my own personal knowledge as we were in the War together at the same time, the said James Murphy was drafted for a Tour of Three Months, in Captain Jordan Harris Company [Bute County Militia] in the month of February 1781 and served out the same with me. He the said James Murphy was again (to wit) in the month of July 1781 drafted for another Tour of Three Months in Captain Turners Company and served out the same faithfully with me & was discharged

I Further Certify that the said James Murphy & his wife Sarah were married a few years before he said Murphy was a Soldier of the Revolution, & they always lived together as husband & wife until the said Murphy died, which has been some 12 or fifteen years past – and Sarah his widow is now living & has never married since her said Husbands death. – Given under my hand this 10th day of August 1842.



NOTES:

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 28 Feb 1779 by James Murphy and John Strother for the marriage of Murphy to Sarah Strother. On 14 June 1842 James Strother, 79, of Franklin County, stated that he saw James Murphy “in Camp near Hillsboro N. Carolina [Hillsborough NC] in the Capacity of a Soldier.”

On 10 March 1852 Catharine Barnes and Susan W Murphree (as each signed) assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim of their mother, Sarah Murphy. On 3 March 1853 William Arendell stated that he performed the burial service of Sarah Murphy, who died about 3 July 1842 leaving the following children: Catharine, wife of John Barnes deceased; Harriett, wife of Joseph Murphy; Susan Murphy;

Elizabeth Murphy; and Sarah Murphy, deceased. Elias May made a similar statement except that he said Sarah Murphy died around 5 July 1842.