

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Murrell W3031

Susannah Murrell

f71VA

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State of Kentucky, County of Barren SCt.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County & Circuit of Barren now sitting, Samuel Murrell a resident of the said County of Barren in the State aforesaid aged seventy-six 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That he served as an Ensign duly commissioned in the Virginia militia for tours of duty in the revolutionary war as follows: He first entered the service as Ensign on a tour of two months in the month of December 1778, under Captain Garland [probably James Garland], Edward Cobb being (according to said Murrell's recollection) Lieutenant of the company – That he joined his Company in Albemarle County, where he then resided, and marched to the barracks in said County, where he was stationed during the whole of his said term of service, guarding the British prisoners, who arrived at said Barracks shortly after said Murrell dead and he was discharged at the end of two months in the year 1779. – There was no Colonel's command of said barracks, nor did said company joined any Regiment – That in the year 1780 he served a tour of three months, also as Ensign, in the Company commanded by Captain William Gooch, of which William Grayson was the Lieutenant – the Company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Holt Richardson [also spelled Holt Richeson] – That he marched with his said Company from the said County of Albemarle to the Camping ground near Richmond, Virginia, where they remained until the expiration of the said Term of three months, when the said Murrell was then discharged. That in the year 1781 he served a tour of one month as Ensign, in the Company commanded by Captain John Martin, and was stationed during his said tour at Charlottesville to protect the public property against the British forces – said Murrell does not recollect the name of the Lieutenant of this Company, and believes no field officer was stationed there at the time – having served the said term of one month, he was discharged at Charlottesville in the early part of the year 1781. The said Murrell further saith, that he again entered the service as Ensign in the month of September 1781, and served a tour of two months in the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Harris, of which Joshua Frye was Lieutenant – the Company was attached to the Battalion of Major Quarles in the Regiment of Colonel Holt Richardson & General Thomas Nelson's brigade, the said Nelson being then Governor of Virginia. The said Murrell saith that he marched with his Company from said County of Albemarle to Head Quarters at Williamsburg, where they joined the Army under General Washington. About three days afterwards the Army marched from Williamsburg to Little York, where the said Murrell remained in the service during the siege and until the surrender of


Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – that after the surrender, the Company marched with some of the prisoners to Nolins ferry [Noland's ferry] on the Potomac River, where, the said two months having expired, they were discharged. The said Murrell further saith, that he has no documentary evidence, but has obtained the testimony of Captain Pleasant Martin & Major John Martin, which will be forwarded to the war Department with this declaration.

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the said Murrell saith, that he was born in the year 1756 in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia. That he has a record of his age at home, which was furnished to him by his father. That he continued to reside in the County of Albemarle, Virginia, until the year 1806, when he removed to Barren County, Kentucky, where he has resided ever since & now resides. Besides the officers already named, said Murrell recollects that he frequently, perhaps every day, during the siege saw General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], the Marquis Lafayette, General Washington & others – That he received an Ensign's Commission signed by the Governor of Virginia, which Commission has long since been lost. – In answer to the 7<sup>th</sup> question he names Henry Crutcher, Daniel Curd & could name many others.

The said Samuel Murrell 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Saml. Murrell Senr.



[Henry Crutcher & Daniel Curd gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Clark County Sct.

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before me the undersigned William H Blaydes a Justice of the Peace for said County John Martin<sup>1</sup> of said County aged in his eighty fourth year and made oath from the best of his recollection Colonel Samuel Murrell of barren County & State of Kentucky performed a tour of Duty in the Revolutionary war against the British forces the first Tour at the Barracks to guard the British prisoners, the second to Richmond when Phillips [William Phillips] & Arnold [Benedict Arnold] two British officers came to Richmond the third Tour at Charlottesville to prevent the British forces from the storing of public property the fourth Tour I was a Major in Colonel Holt Richardson's Regiment and salt Colonel Samuel Murrell at the Siege of York against Cornwallis and that he had the command of Ensign and believe he was marched down to the siege of York under the command of Captain John Miller and believe the four tours he performed was near or quite eight months he was a commissioned officer in Albemarle County Virginia under my command for several years, this deponent preserves to himself all manner of exception to ever in the length of time of service done by Colonel Samuel Murrell as he has nothing to rely on but his memory. This deponent is now in his eighty fourth year of his age and very infirm so much so that it is entirely out of his power to come [to] court & being qualified. Sworn to before me and given under my hand this day & year before written.

S Wm H. Blaydes, JPCC

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<sup>1</sup> [John Martin S30563](#)

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State of Kentucky Barren County Sct.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County, Captain Pleasant Martin<sup>2</sup> aged seventy-six years, and made oath that he was and still is well acquainted with Samuel Murrell, and that the said Samuel Murrell was a commissioned Ensign in the Virginia Militia, Albemarle County, and that the said Samuel Murrell served a tour of two months at the Albemarle Barracks guarding the British Prisoners said Murrell under the command of Captain Garland and another tour of three months under the Command of Captain William Gooch and was discharged at the end of the three months, at the Camping grounds on James River near Richmond, and also that said Murrell served another Tour of two months under the Command of Captain Benjamin Harris, which last tour terminated at the siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown Virginia all of which tours of duty and put together make seven months which length of time he verily believes said Samuel Murrell served as a commissioned Ensign in the Service of his country during the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand this day and year before written.

S/ James Murrell, JP BC

[p 12: On November 16, 1839 in Barren County Kentucky, Susannah Murrell made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Murrell, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him June 1, 1784 in Goochland County Virginia; that her husband died September 8, 1836 in Barren County Kentucky.

*Susannah Murrell* ]<sup>3</sup>

[p 17: On January 24, 1840, in Barren County Kentucky, Robert Murrell authenticated the family record set forth below. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

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[p 4: Family record reading: "Samuel Murrel Born May 24, 1756 married to Susannah Puryear June 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 who was Born March 12<sup>th</sup> 1776."

"Births:

Polley Murrel 9<sup>th</sup> April 1785

George Murrel October 24, 1786

William Murrel September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1788

Saml. Murrel November 17<sup>th</sup> 1790 [Samuel Murrell]

Jenney Murrel November 21, 1792

Hozh Murrel January 21, 1795 [probably Hezekiah Murrell]

Betsey Murrel April 16<sup>th</sup> 1797

James Murrel June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1799

Susannah Murrel May 9, 1802

Schuyler Murrel March 11, 1805

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<sup>2</sup> [Pleasant Martin S2729](#)

<sup>3</sup> All the other documents in this file which were purportedly signed by the widow indicate that she signed with her mark.

Robert Murrell September first 1809"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as an Ensign for 8 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]