

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McMurry (McMurray) ¹ W4290
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Margaret McMurray

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District

On this 26th day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Richard Gantt a Judge in the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the District now sitting John McMurry a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged eighty-two 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 7th of June 1832. That on or about the first day of November 1780 he was enrolled or drafted in the militia of South Carolina & entered into the service of the United States, as a private, under the following Officers in the Company of Capt. Montgomery [Robert Montgomery] of Col. Kershaw's [Levi Kershaw's] Regiment General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade on a six months tour & served until the first May 1781 -- was engaged in the Battles of Hanging Rock,² Rocky Mount³ &c at the expiration of said term was verbally discharged.

That about the 10th of May 1781 he entered as a volunteer under Capt. Coffey [Henry Coffey] as first Lieut. and joined the Camp of General F. Marion [Francis Marion] shortly after at Murry's ferry on Santee River in the State of South Carolina, in this Campaign he served as first Lieut. in Capt. Coffey's Company seven months say till the 10th day of December 1781, as near as he now can recollect in this last Campaign he was engaged in the battle of the Eutaw Springs⁴ -- Battle of Edisto &c -- (that he marched through every part of the State and was engaged in many different battles besides various skirmishes &c.—

That he 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.

To the interrogatories propounded he answers as follows –

Ans 1st Antrim County Ireland the 6th May 1750

Ans 2nd Has not any record of his age

Ans 3rd Lancaster District South Carolina where he has resided ever since

Ans 4th Drafted in Snowy Campaign under Capt. Montgomery -- volunteered under Capt. Coffey

¹ BLWt28502-160-55

² August 6, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hangingrk.htm>

³ July 30, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockymt.htm>

⁴ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

Ans 5th General Sumter, General Marion, Col. Kershaw, Col. Hampton [probably a reference to Lt. Col. Henry Hampton] &c.

Ans 6th Never received a written Discharge but invariably a verbal one

Ans 7th (as a private) He names R W Gill Esquire Rev. Thomas Kitchen who can testify to his character as a man of veracity & their belief of his revolutionary services

Ans 7th (as an officer) Don't recollect positively whether or not he received a commission -- but is inclined to believe he served through the express wish & choice of Capt. Coffee's Company -- if he was commissioned he lost it.

Sworn to in open Court this 24th April 1833

S/ Simon Beckham, Clerk

S/ John McMurry, X his mark

[Thomas Kitchen, a clergyman, & Robert W. Gill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On October 20 1853 in Lancaster District South Carolina Margaret McMurry, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John McMurry, a pensioner at the rate of \$21.66 per six months; that she married him October 10 1815; that he died June 3rd 1842; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: On April 9, 1855 in Lancaster District South Carolina, the widow, stating her age as 70 years [there being no explanation for the disparity between her age as set forth in this document versus her age as set forth in her earlier application for a pension], filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; that she married her husband in South Carolina, Lancaster District on October 10, 1815; that they were married by John Nisbet [John Nesbitt?] a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Margaret Adams; that she is now a pensioner of the United States. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[pp 36-37: Indents issued to a John McMurry]

No 57
Feb 6

Issued 10th January 1785 to Mr John Mc Murray for thirty five pounds 18/6, stating for Militia duty on Horse as Lieut and Private also for a mare lost in the Militia Service in 1780 & 1781. Apr Account audited -

Principal £ 35. 18. 6 1/4
Deduct - - - 2. 9. 2

1225

37 (A March 22)
1785

Mr. John Mc Murray his Accot of 69 days Militia Duty on Horseback as Private, and for 28 days duty on Horse as Lieut; also for a mare lost in Militia Service the whole in 1780 & 1781

Charged To £ 35. 18. 6 1/4

State of South Carolina

To John Mc Murray

L S 60

To 69 days in the Cavalry under Major Robert Crawford at Hanging Rock @ 20/ per day 69 0 0

Certified By Henry Coffey Capt

To 19 days in the Cavalry under Col Henry Hamilton @ 20/ per day - - - 19 0 0

Certified By Jas Craig Lieut

Carried over - - - 88 0 0

1780
June 25th to
Sept 14th - both
dates are included

1781
Feb 16th to
March 6th - both
dates are included

		2 82.
	Brought over - - - - -	88 0 0
1781		
April 25 th	20-9 days in the Cavalry under Major Thomas Thompson at Camden, at 2 ¹ / ₂ p day	9 0 0
May 5 th	Certified By Wm. Nisbet Capt.	
as above		
1781		
August 7 th	20-12 days Lieut in the Cavalry under Major Thos Thompson at the Ulas at 2 ¹ / ₂ p day	9 41 00
	Certified by William Nisbet Capt.	
Sept 17 th det.	16 one Black man appraised by James Montgomery and John Strain.	60 0 0
1781		
Aug. 16 th	South Currency Total	351-10-0
no Certificate	Shilling	35-18-6 ³ / ₄
	Collected	8-11-5
		£ 27-7-1 ¹ / ₄

South Carolina

Personally appeared John McMurry this 17th January 1784 and made oath that the above accounts are just and true, and that no part has been paid for the same.

Sworn this 17th day of January 1784 Before me
 Robt Montgomery
 J. P.

I do Certify that the above man was lost in Public Service

Jas. Craig Lieut
 Received 19th Janry 1786 full satisfaction for the return in an Indent N^o 37 Book C.
 Andrew Baskin

Comptrolers Secretaries Office

Columbia Sola Octy 1st 1857

I hereby certify

the foregoing to be a true copy from the Records of this Office

Secretary of Office

W. R. Hunt
 Dep. Comp Genl