

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

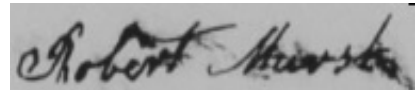
Pension Application of Robert Mursh (Marsh) W8416 Elizabeth Mursh VA
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South Carolina

The declaration of Robert Mursh a native of Virginia and one of the Pamunkey [sic: Pamunkey] Tribe of Indians, and now a Citizen of & resident in York District in the state of South Carolina made in in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War”.

The Declarer saith that he enlisted as a common soldier in the army of the United States in the War of the Revolution in the latter part of the year 1776 and in the Early part of the year following he joined the 15th Virginia Reg’t of Continental Troops Col. Mason [David Mason VAS506] attached to a company commanded by Capt James Gray [VAS3590] at Walliamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] & shortly after joined the main army at Middlebrook in New Jersey. That shortly after he joined the Reg’t the Command of it devolved to Col. James Ennis [sic: James Innis VAS1344] and under his command he fought at the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] in the Brigade commanded by Gen’l. [William] Woodford. The Declarer further saith that having served in this Regement for something more than two years he reenlisted in the Continental army in the service of the United States during the war, and was attached to a Regement from out of the remnants of the 7th & 15th commanded by Col. Russell [William Russell BLWt1849-500], Lieut Col. Burgess Ball [Burgess Ball BLWt252-500] denominated the [number lined through] Reg’t. of the Virginia Continental line, Capt. William Mosely [sic: William Moseley W5385] and that with this Regiment he marched to Charleston were he remained untill that place was surrendered to the British [12 May 1780] and was among the prisoners of war and remained in that situation about fourteen months when he was carried to Jamestown and exchanged and then joined a Regiment commanded by Col. Phebecca [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675], Capt. Kirkpatrick [Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300] the number of which Regement is not now recollected. The command of this Regement was afterwards asigned to Col. Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] and with this Reg’t. he marched to Ebenezer [sec: Ebenezer] in Georgia where they joined the Army of Gen’l. [Anthony] Wayne, and that he continued with this army until after the peace when he was regularly discharged from the service and that this discharge was delivered at the land office in obtaining his military Warrants of his bounty of land, so that he has it not now to exhibit.

The declarer further saeth, that he is now about sixty years of age & has resided continually from his birth of the present day in the United States, that he is poor and feebly and in consequence of his reduced circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.



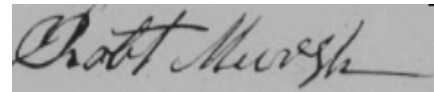
State of South Carolina } SS
York District }

On the twenty fifth day of October A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record exercising unlimited Jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases at Law: Robert Mursh aged sixty two years resident in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in 1776 in the 15th Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line Colonel Mayson, for three years and afterward for the War in the Company commanded by Capt. Gray, and was afterward transfered to the 11th Regiment and then to the 1st Regiment of the same line. [The rest is marked “omit.”] And that he has received a pension under certificate from the War Department No. 1297 – And he doth further solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 181 – And that he has not since that time by gift sale or otherwise in any

manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of Act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 – And that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the annexed Schedule, and by me subscribed. Viz

2 Cows & 4 bulls[?]	– Valued at .	\$31.50
Hoggs.	.....	22.75 2
Horses	.....	100.00
Plantation Tools	.....	6.00
4 Chairs	.....	2.00
1 Table	.....	2.00
1 Trunk	.....	2.00
1 Dutch oven	.....	1.00
2 potts	.....	2.00
1 Frying pan	.....	– .75
1 Gun	.....	5.00
Books	.....	7.00
3 augers & Drawing Knife	.....	1.50
4 Barrells	.....	1.00
Household furniture	.....	3.12½
50 acres of poor land	.....	150.00
55 Dollars in debt for it}		
Crop of corn 130 Bushells	.....	<u>52.00</u>
		\$389.62½

That his family residing with him consists of a wife Elizabeth aged about fifty nine years. Three daughters, Sally aged 28. Elizabeth aged 22 years. Rhody aged 20 years & seven grand children, Philadelphia, Nancy, Aalsey, Joseph, John, Miranda and Fanny all between eight and one year of age, and are dependent on this deponent for a Support



South Carolina } Personally appeared before me Joseph F White one of the Magistrates for said
 York District } District, Elizabeth Marsh Widow of Robert Marsh dec. and on Oath says that her
 husband Robert Marsh was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96.00 per annum, that she was
 married to her husband Robert Marsh in the month of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty
 three (1783) and that their daughter Kity was born the next August one thousand seven hundred and eighty
 four (1784) their first child and issue of said marriage and that John, Robert A. Garch [sic], James,
 Delphi, Betsy, Patsy and Rhoda – Kity Delphi James & Patsy all died when children that they were
 married according to the form and solemnity of their Tribe viz the Pamunky Tribe State of Virginia King
 William County, that some years of the said marriage the said Robert Marsh and deponent were again
 married according to the Christian form of marriage, and that the said Robert Marsh became a preacher in
 the Baptist Church, and continued to exercise the function of a preacher up to the time of his death,
 deponent farther says that her husband a record of all his children above named, but cannot say from
 blindness whether the paper appended to the deposition of Edward Smith is the identical paper, but that
 the ages of her children as shown by said paper is just and true, deponent farther says that her husband the
 said Robert Marsh took the Oath of Allegiance to the laws of the State of Virginia. Sworn to and
 subscribed before me the 20th day of November 1847 Elizabeth herXmark Marsh
 Rhoda, daughter of said Robert and Elizabeth Marsh sworn saith that the original family record appended

to the deposition of Edward Smith has been in the family since her earliest recollection, until surrendered to be sent to the Pension Office, and has been shown said Record by her father and other members of the family who told her that it was in her fathers Robert Marsh's hand writing which she believes to be correct.
Rhoda herXmark Marsh

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Mush, Robert.]

This is to certify that the bearer hereof Robert Mush a Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment having faithfully served the whole Term from December 1778 and being Inlisted for the War is hereby discharged from the American Army. Given at the War Office the 6 August 1783
By order of the Secretary at War B Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]
Jos Carleton [Joseph Carleton] Sec'y
Recorded in the Books of the Regiment/ Adjutant/ Sam Tinley[?] Maj'r
Copy Test/ Sam'l Jones

NOTE:

Elizabeth Mursh had previously applied for a pension on 14 Jul 1843, giving her age as 80, the date of her marriage as 1 Oct 1782, and the date of Robert Mursh's death as 7 Dec 1837.

Some heirs of Robert Mursh applied for bounty land as heirs also of Stephen Freeman (BLWt2393-100).

[The family record is on three sheets, presented here in the sequence found in the file]

names of Robt A'lr Mursh's Sr. Children

John Mursh was Born May 6th 1786

Robert A'lr Mursh was Born march 24th 1788

Sarah Mursh was Born march 29th 1790

Betsey Mursh was Born Nov'r 14th 1796

Rhoday Mursh was Born February 21st 1800

James Mursh the Son of John Mursh was Born dec'r 26th 1806

These are the Names of Robt Mursh's Children & grand Children

[Second sheet]

FAMILY RECORD BIRTHS

Family of Robt and Elizabeth Mursh's Children

Kity Mursh Born August 16th 1784

John Mursh was Born may 6th 1786

Robert A Mursh was Born march 24th 1788

Sarah Mursh was Born march 29th 1790

James Mursh was Born march 13th 1792

philadelphia Mursh was Born Feb'r 5th 1794

Betsey Mursh was Born Nov'r 14th 1796

patsey Mursh was Born July 28th 1798

Rhoda Mursh was Born Feb'r 21 1800

Children of John and Betsy Houghlands

John F Houghland was Born may 16th 1822

Elijah Houghland was Born march 8th 1823

Stephen F Houghland was Born Nov'r. 15th 1824

Mary H houghland was Born July 2^d 1827

Vina [middle initial illegible] Houghland was Bo march 16th 1829

Robt. A Houghland was Born Nov'r 25th 18[illegible]

Catey VanWinkle was Born June th 9th 1832

Nancy Elizabeth houghland was Born Jan'y [illegible] 1834

[Third sheet]

kity mursh was Born august [rest illegible]

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Sarah Mursh was Born march the 29th 1790

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Robert [illegible] Sen'r