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Virginia document pertaining to Richard Murphy VAS1836  
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To the honourable the Speakers & Member of both houses of the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Richard Murphy of the County of Buckingham respectfully Represents – That during the Revolutionary War he was several times called out on a Tour of duty as a Militiaman. That the last time he was called out which was towards the close of the War, he marched under Captain Robert Cary of said County, to a place of general Rendezvous called Carter's Ferry (now Cartersville) on James River, where the said Captain Cary, not having a full company, returned home, leaving his men under the command of Lieutenant Samuel Allen, who marched them into Hanover & joined the Cumberland Militia under the Command of Captain Richard Allen [pension application R138]. From thence they were marched into the County of New Kent where your Petitioner being taken sick obtained a Furlough to return home & stay until he should recover his health. But so it is, may it please your honourable Body, your Petitioner has continued to be an Invalid to this day; his Complaint having terminated in most distressing & Incurable Asthma, which has so disabled him as to put it out of his power to gain his livelihood by his labour. Your Petitioner further states that he believes his complaint was brought upon him by being caught in a violent & hasty shower of rain while very much heated, during a very warm day, by a long & fatiquing march, when the weather suddenly changed & became very cool. That previous to this time he had always been a healthy, hail person. And that, from the time of his having been disabled to the present day your Petitioner has been supported by the filial attentions of his Children, who have lived with him & taken care of him for several years since they have arrived to the age of maturity, but now talk of departing from him & settling off to themselves, so that he is likely to be left in a state of great want & distress. In consequence of which he has been compelled to lay his case before your honourable Body in the hope that such relief will be afforded to him as will keep him from want & procure for him those necessaries (the few remaining years he has to live) which, but for the sacrifice of his health, in the service of his Country, he would have been able to procure for himself, & yr Petitioner will ever pray &c.

Richard Murphy

At a Court held for Buckingham County the 9 day of June 1788.

On the motion of Richard Murphy and for reasons appearing to the Court he is exempted from paying taxes and county levys during his indisposition. a Copy R. Eldridge jr DC

I do hereby certify that I lived in the County of Buckingham five or six years before the Revolu'y War commenced, & was well acquainted with Rich'd. Murphey – before the War the said Murphy was a Healthy hard working poor man till after serving a tour of duty in the Militia which I believe is now & has been for some time past the cause of his not being able to render any service to himself or others, I also further state that it is impossible for him to subsist without some assistance whose Children is about to leave him and who has kept him from want heretofore Given under my hand this 11th day of Octb'r 1810.

Patty Moseley

Buckingham County towit [12 Nov 1810]

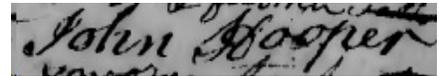
The affidavit of Samuel Allen of Lawful age taken before me Linous Bolling a Justice of the Peace for said County this twelfth day of November in the year Eighteen hundred and ten who being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith; – That some time during the Revolutionary war this Deponant was returning home from a tour of Militia Duty, to the County of Buckingham where he then lived, when he fell in Company with a Certain Richard Murphy, an Inhabitant

of the same County, who was also returning from a Tour of Militia duty in the lower parts of this State. That the said Richard Murphy was at that time very much Indisposed with a very bad Cough & hoarseness which this Deponent understood he had contracted in the army during his said tour of duty – This Deponent further says that he has been well acquainted with the said Richard Murphy ever since, and that the said Richard Murphy has constantly continued to be an Invalid from that time, being affected with the same kind of hoarseness which has the appearance of a severe Asthma. And as this Deponent has understood & believes has reduced him to such a situation as to render him Incapable of maintaining himself by his own labour. That this Deponent has always considered the said Richard Murphy to be an honest, respectable Citizen & further this Deponent saith not Samuel Allen

I do hereby certify that I have known Rich'd Murphey for upwards of thirty six years, We were in the service or tour at the same time in the Militia at which time the s'd Murphy was a very healthy man, some time after the s'd. Murphey was obliged to serve one other tour of duty, towards the latter end of the Revolutionary War, at which time I have often heard him say that he got his present disorder (which is a very severe Astma) in his last tour of duty.

The s'd Murphey is a poor honest man, he has two sons who have kept him from want for several years past. His sons are now about to leave him, the youngest of which is upwards of Twenty six years of age, who have been the only supporters of the s'd. Rich'd Murphy – who is not able to render any service to himself or Family, and who has always supported a good Character & is esteem'd as an honest man, I have lived within two miles of the s'd. Rich'd Murphey upwards of Twenty five years & at some times the s'd. Murphey is unable to put on his Cloaths & further saith not.

John Hooper [19 Nov 1810]



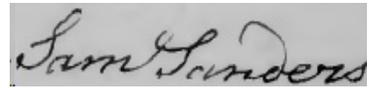
I do hereby certify that I have known Rich'd Murphy upwards of 36 years, and have lived a Neighbour to the s'd. Murphy upwards of 25 years. The last tour of duty that the s'd. Murphy served in the Revolutionary war the s'd. Murphy on his way home called at my Fathers and stayed there several days to Rest & said that he had caught his disorder in Marching in hot weather, which the s'd. Murphy observ'd that he was fearful he never should get clair of as long as he lived. The s'd. Murphy is a poor honest man, having a Wife two sons & Daughter his sons has heretofore supported the s'd. Murphy but is now about to leave him, who are all of age, and in my opinion cannot subsist without some assistance. This affiant further states, that he has been at times at the s'd. Murphy House when the s'd. Murphy would scarcely get his breath & unable to pt on his Cloaths &c. In the former time of my acquaintance with the s'd. Murphy I lived in the County of Henrico, & in the latter part say upwards of 25 years I have lived as Neighbour to the s'd. Murphy and have frequently found him unable to render any service to himself or Family who has been often obliged to attend on the s'd. Murphy, and further this affiant saith not Given under my hand this the 24th day of Novb'r. 1810 David hisXmark Wariner

I do hereby certify that I have known Rich'd Murphy for Fifty years and have lived a Neighbour to the s'd Murphey the whole time, who was a s far as I know & believe a Healthy, sound man, This affiant further states that in the American War when on a tour of duty from the County of Buckingham in which tour the s'd Murphey served also, who was obliged to be discharged in consequence of his illness from which time till now has been unwell and have often heard the s'd Murphey say that he is certain that he got his Disorder when on his last tour of duty which I believe to be the fact.

The s'd Murphey is a poor man between 50 & 60 years of age, his Children are now about to leave him who are all of age, and who have heretofore kept him from want or being chargeable to any one, – The complaint of the s'd Murphey is a very severe Astma & at times barely able to get his Breath, and unable at all times to Render any service to himself or others by way of supporting himself or others, whose Wife at this time is upwards of Sixty years of age neither of which can subsist without assistance

&c and further this affiant saith not.  
[4 Dec 1810]

Sam Sanders [Samuel Sanders]

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Sanders".

Murphy's Pet. Rejected Dec'r 11 1810

NOTE: The file contains other supporting statements similar to the above.