

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Gabriel Murphy S35531

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5th Judicial District of Kentucky

On this 3^d day of September 1819 Before me the subscriber circuit Judge for the District afs'd & Judge of the Nelson Circuit Court personally appeared Gabriel Murphy aged about sixty years Resident in Nelson County & who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the U.S. in the revolutionary war That he the said Murphy enlisted for the term of three years on the last day of December 1778 in the County of Hampshire State of virginia in the Comp'y Com'd by Capt. Easton first Virginia Reg't commanded by Colo. Rich'd. Parker [Richard Parker BLWt525-500] on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the Regim't & in the regiment com. by Colo. Wm Washington [William Washington] untill the last day of Dec'r. 1781 when he was discharged from service at Salsbury [sic: Salisbury] in the State of N Carolina as appears by the officers certificate hereto annexed, that he was in the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Utaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] the Siege of 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & the battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781]. that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Also came before me at the same time David Wilson [W11445] and stated on oath that he is acquainted with the said Murphy and knows that he did perform the services stated in the preceding declaration.

The Bearer hereof Gabriel Murphy Soldier in the first Virg Detach[ment] and in Lieut Jincks Comp'y having served to the last day of Dec'r 1781 being the term he was Engaged is hereby discharged and We Certify that he has behaved as a brave and faithfull Soldier

Given at Salsbury this 7th day of Jan'y 1782.

Rob. Jouett Leut [Robert Jouett VAS1333]

Thos. Edmunds Capt Comm [Thomas Edmunds BLWt997-300]

District of Kentucky.

Nelson Circuit Sct

On this 7th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said District and Circuit of Nelson Gabriel Murphey aged 59 years resident in Nelson County 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 the State of Virginia either in the years 1778 or 1779 for three years in the Company of Striplin [probably John Stribling] but marched from Winchester under the command of Wallase [Wallace] under the Command of Colonel William Washington that he served the time out and was honourably discharged. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (towit) that he has a deed for 125 acres of land 47 of which some time since he sold and conveyed, that he has a bond on Thomas Carneal for 300 acres but he does not expect to get more of it than 60 or 70 acres, and whether he will get that or no, he is unable to say. three horses ten head of Cattle, seventeen head of sheep about twenty five hogs; that he owes at least Four hundred dollars more than is owing to him, in truth he has little or nothing owing to him; that his occupation is that of a farmer and but very illy able to

follow it, by reason of his age and also two wounds he received at the battle of the Euta Springs, one in the side next to the belly, and the other wound in the arm that he has a wife about fifty seven year old and two Daughters living with him
Gabriel Murphey

On this 28th day of September 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record because its judgments and orders are directed by the laws of Kentucky to be made a record of and [illegible word] Gabriel Murphy now a citizen and has been for thirty years past of Nelson County and Circuit and State of Kentucky aged sixty two years last January and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 8th of march 1818 and the first of may 1820

That he the said Murphey enlisted in 1779 for three years in the state of virginia in a company commanded by John Stripling, that the Captain was promoted and then the Company was commanded by Oldhouse in the seventh Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, that he was transferred from the Regiment to Colonel William Washingtons light infantry [sic: 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons] that he served his time of service out and was honourably discharged in 1782, that he was in the battles of the Cowpens of Guilford the Uetau Springs the Siege of Ninety six and at Rougeleys Mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill SC, 4 Dec 1780], that he was severely wounded at the battle of the Uetau Springs by two wounds one in the right side the other in the left arm neither of which when young disabled him much, but now he has become old they have rendered him almost incapable of labour, besides the wounds are painful at times, that he has no other evidence now in his power of said service, and in pursuance to the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear... [oath similar to the previous one follows]
One horse, four head of Cattle, ten hogs, ten sheep. that he has no family except a Grand Child about six years old and his wife who is about sixty years old
Gabriel Murphey

State of Kentucky } Ss
County of Nelson }

On this 10th day of March 1840 personally appeared Gabriel Murphy a resident of said County (in the Nelson Circuit Court, being a Court of Record in the state and county aforesaid) aged 81 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1778 or 1779 with Capt. Richard Easton, and served in the first Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line, under said Captain Easton, that after remaining in said Regiment for some time, He was transfered to Colo. Wm. Washingtons light Infantry, and continued in that corps untill he was discharged, which was on the 4th day of January 1782 at Salsberry North Carolina. He states that he does not recollect at this time the officers, who commanded the first Virginia Regiment, during the time, he served in said Regiment. His decleration, now on file in the war office, is refered to under which a pension was granted him under the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & May the 1st 1820 & March the 1st 1823 – his certificate in No. 19040 and dated the 30th day of July 1823. the affiant states that when he enlisted in the service he resided in Hampshire County state of Virginia. He states that He was in the Battle of the Cowpen, Battle of Gilford – Battle at 96 – Battle at Campden, Battle at Eutaw Springs, when Colo. William Washington was taken prisiner. He was there wounded in the left arm, the Bullitt is still in his arm it never having been extracted. He was shot by one of the British light Horse. this man He killed – during the time of his service, He was principally in the Carolinians
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency except the agency at Lexington state of Kentucky.
Gabriel hisXmark Murphy

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Memorial of Gabriel Murphey to the Executive of Virginia

Your Memorialist represents to the Executive of Virginia that he resides in the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky, that he enlisted in the year 1778 in the County of Hampshire Va, in the company of dragoons commanded by Captain Andrew Wallace [see endnote] of Colonel George Baylors dragoon regiment Virginia Continental line for three years or during the war, that he served upwards of three years and to the end of the war, and was honorably discharged on the 4 day of January 1782 from the same corps under the command then of Lieut Col William Washington at Camden South Carolina. You Memorialists therefore respectfully requests the Executive of Virginia to direct the Register of the Land office of Virginia to issue to him or his Attorney John P DuVal a warrant for the bounty land due him as a sergeant for three years or to the end of the war, in the Virginia Continental line. Gabriel hisXmark Murphy

NOTES:

Capt. Andrew Wallace (BLWt543-300) was not in the Continental Light Dragoon regiment of Col. George Baylor (W5966), but rather in the 12th Virginia Regiment of Foot.

In the [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) are two files that consist of copies of the above federal pension files.