

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Edward Murphey [Murphy] S1569

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State of Tennessee, County of McMinn

On this 6th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Edward Murphy a resident of said County and state, aged about 90 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man from Rockbridge County Virginia in a Company Commanded by Captain Morrow for three months enrolled at Ladds [could be Todds] Mill Rockbridge County Virginia, Rendezvoused in Greenbrier County on an expedition against the Shawnee Indians marched from Greenbrier to Ohio River at the Junction of the Ohio & Elk Rivers – declarant cannot recollect the year commanded by Colonel Lewis – in the month of October as well as declarant recollects a battle with the Shawnee Indians took place in the point between the said Elk & Ohio rivers, he being there which lasted from sunrise to sunset, General Andrew Lewis was the Commander in Chief, after the battle declarant was ordered with the balance of the Army to build Barracks at that place, which was done, Orders were then received to return home, discharged at Botetourt Court house in Virginia, Declarant again entered the Service of the United States at Rockbridge County Virginia in a Company Commanded by Captain Marlow on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the fall of the year (as a drafted militia man for 3 months) known by Christie's Campaign, marched to the Long island of Holston [River], joined the Main Army at that place were commanded by Colonel Christie [sic, William Christian], there remained until discharged – declarant again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man for three months in a company commanded by Captain Christian from Botetourt County Virginia declarant having removed from Rockbridge to that County, rendezvoused at Elliot's on Reedy Creek in Virginia, from thence marched to King's Mountain, was in that battle, the fall of the year as well as declarant recollects – Cols Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Sevier [John Sevier], General Campbell [sic, Colonel William Campbell] the officers declarant recollects, after the battle was over was marched from there to one Walker's remained there a day or two and again took up the line of March, and marched to General Campbell's own house, at which place declarant was discharged – Declarant again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man for 3 months, declarant having been driven from Botetourt by the Tories removed to Washington [County] and engaged from that County in a Company Commanded by Captain James Gilmore Lieutenant McCampbell Ensign Cunningham rendezvoused near the head of Chucky River, marched on through Lexington, Virginia, from thence to the old Barracks on the Hill, thence on until we arrived at Yorktown, at which place declarant remained until the Battle of Yorktown which he was in, General Campbell having died on our march to Yorktown & Col Lewis took command, after the battle, remained there until discharged. David Caldwell was one of the declarant's mess mates, declarant has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the performance of his Services, declarant was also at the battle of Cowpens, David Clyde was his Captain, Ledford Lieutenant & David Clyde, Jr. Ensign, as a drafted Militia man from Botetourt County Virginia for 3 months, discharged at Botetourt after our return home, and all of which service he performed the duties of orderly Sergeant, & has lost all his discharges.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the 6th day of September 1832.

S/ Edward Murphy, X his mark