

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Murphey (Murphy) VAS399

vsl 16VA

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

On Examining the Wounds of the Bearer who calls himself Martin Murphy – who Says that in the [year] 1776 he enlisted under Capt. Thomas West of Loudon [Loudoun] County – that he continued in service until the Battle of the Waxsaws [Waxhaws, May 29, 1780] when he acted there as a Sergeant under Capt. Thomas Howard who was Commanded by Colo. Buford [Abraham Buford], in which battle he received the wounds that now appear extensive of a number on the body & arm some of which have done considerable Injury he has received four wounds on the Head, three of them either totally or very nearly quite through the skull & have no doubt but the account he gives of fitts frequently produced by the Injury received on the Head, being perfectly true tho' the parts are now all healed – am therefore of Opinion he is clearly entitled to as full support as is generally allowed Pensioners

S/ W. Foushee

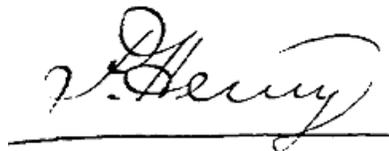
May 1st 1786



I do, with the advice of Council, hereby certify that Martin Murphy about 30 years of age, late a Sergeant in the Eleventh Virginia Regiment appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the Service of the Continent as to entitle him to the sum of Eighteen Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand at Richmond, this first day of May 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry Governor]

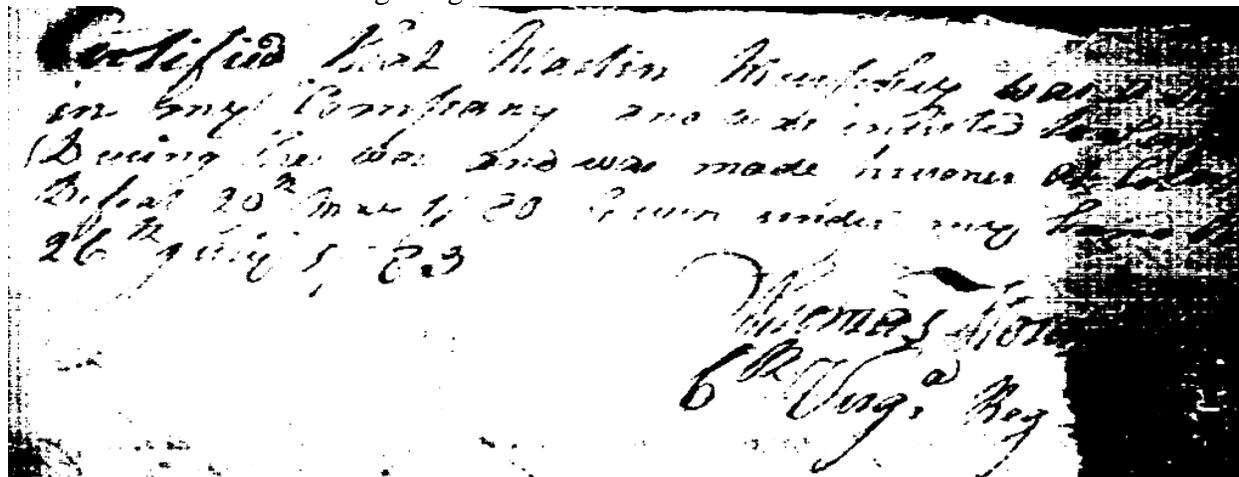


[Note: orders for payment of the pension and receipts for such payments were issued in Henrico County, VA. through 1789. The veteran signed receipts with his mark.]

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Certified that Martin Murphey was a S[illegible]
in my Company and was enlisted for
During the War and was made prisoner at Colo. [illegible, "Buford's"]
Defeat 29th May 1780. Given under my hand [illegible]
26th July 1783

S/ Thomas Hor[illegible, but "Thomas Hord" Capt.]
6th Virga Reg.



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in my Company and was enlisted for
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*Thomas Hord
6th Virga Reg.*

[From [Virginia Legislative Pensions](#)]

To the Hon. the Speaker & Gentleman of the House of delegates

The Petition of Martin Murphey [sic] Humbly Showeth he being a Soldier in the Virginia
line during the greatest part of the War he received such wounds in the Arms and other parts of
his Body in the defeat of Col. Buford in the year 1780 in South Carolina as renders him unable to
provide a subsistence for himself and prays to be put on the list of pensioners & shall pray &c

S/ Martin Murphey



Murpheys petition
November 4th 1784
referred to Claims

November 6th, 1784
Reasonable
Reported

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

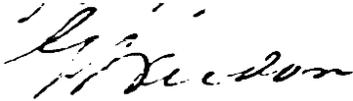
Certified that Martin Murphey was a Soldier in my Company and was inlisted to serve During
the war and was made prisoner at Colo [Buford's] Defeat 20th [sic] May 1780
Given under my hand this 26th July 1783

Thomas Hord
6th Virg'a Reg

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Hord". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

This may certify that Martin Murphy a Soldier in the Continental army, having served the term
of Years for which he was enlisted is hereby Discharged Given under my hand the 28th of July
1783

G Weedon BG

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