

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

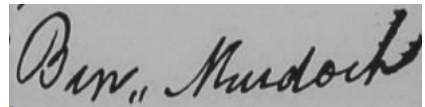
Pension Application of Benjamin Murdoch S9046

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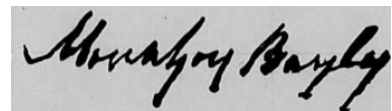
State of Maryland } In Frederick County Court
Frederick County } now in Session

On this 19 Day of July one thousand Eight hundred and Thirty two, personally appear'd in open Court, before Abram Shriver, one of the Judges of Frederick County Court, now sitting, Benjamin Murdoch a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged about Seventy Three Years, who being 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 7th 1832. That he was born in Frederick County in the state of maryland in the year 1759. that he has no record of his age, that he was living in Frederick County when he was call'd into service, that he liv'd in said County during and ever since the revolutionary war, with the exception of a few years residence in Montgomery County in the state aforesaid. That he entered the service of the United States under the following nam'd officers, and serv'd as herein stated. I was appointed by the state of maryland a 2nd Lieutenant in the 7th Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. John Gunby, Lt Col Peter Adams and Major Jenifer Adams [Daniel Jenifer Adams], and was attach'd to Capt. [John] Reynolds Comp'y. in s'd. Regiment, and join'd the Maryland line while it lay at Princeton about the middle of April 1777 and continued in service untill May 1779 at which time some difference arose respecting my Rank, and a Board of Officers was appointed by General Washington to settle the same, not being satisfy'd with their decision, I returned home, and in the Spring of 1780 a Law was pass'd by the State of Maryland to raise a new Regiment, in which I was appointed by the Executive of said State, one of the oldest Captains in said Regiment, and as soon as the Reg't. was compleated, we were order'd to march to annapolis, and there rec'd further orders; The Regiment was commanded by Col. Alexander Lawson Smith [pension application W4247] and Major Giles. we were then ordered to Philedelphia and to report to Gen'l Washington, and when we were equip'd, we march'd to the South to join Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, commander of the Southern Department beginning 3 Dec 1780]. During my Term of service I was at the Battle of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] about the middle of Sept 1777 and at the Battle of German Town [Germantown] on the 4th Oct. 1777 in which engagement I was wounded, after which I was at the battle of Monmouth on the 28 June 1778. I left the service in the Spring of 1781 in consequence of the Maryland Line consisting of Eight Regiments being consolidated into Four. The officers of the Reg't. in which I was attach'd, were all sent home as supernumeraries [sic: supernumeraries, not having enough troops for a command]. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity from the United States, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State only that of the State of Maryland.



Washington City July 26th 1832. I hereby Certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that Benj'n. Murdoch, who is now an applicant to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress pass'd June 7th 1832 was a Captain in the revolutionary War, in a Reg't rais'd by the authority of the Executive of Maryland under the command of Col'n. Alex'r Lawson Smith and that he serv'd as a Captain from the month of April 1780 to the last of April or 1st May 1781.

[signed 26 July 1832 by Mountjoy Bayly S12094]



Land Office; Annapolis; July 31st 1832;

I Certify that it appears by a Muster roll remaining in this office; that Benjamin Murdock, was appointed Ensign; in the 7th Maryland Regiment; on the 17th day of April 1777; was promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant, on the 28th of December 1777; and resigned the 12th of April 1779;

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. L'd. Off. W.S.Md.

NOTE: On 18 July 1852 Richard B. Murdoch assigned power of attorney to obtain an increase in the pension or of bounty land for the service of his father. He stated that he was the only son, and that he had two surviving sisters: Eliza Murdoch and Anitta Simmons.