Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Leander Murphey S11126 VA
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State of Kentucky } Sct

County of Spencer } On this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the County Court of Spencer County in the State of Kentucky now sitting Leander Murphey a resident of Taylorsville in the County of Spencer in the State of Kentucky aged seventy two 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 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a private soldier in the County of Prince William and State of Virginia in the Company raised for Charles Gallahay [sic: Charles Gallahue VAS3658] as Captain, Jesse Davis [W8652] first Lieutenant, Robert Young [W3063] Second Lieutenant & Charles Tyler as Ensign in the month of October (the day of the month not recollected) in the year 1776. Gallahay died and never joined his company the command of the company then devolved on Jesse Davis the first Lieutenant and he the said Davis took the command of said Company as Captain, the company to which he belonged was attached to or placed in the Regiment first commanded by Colonel Davis who was superseded or otherwise not known at this time left the command, and the command of the Regiment then devolved on Colonel Febiger a french officer [Christian Febiger VAS675, a Danish officer] in the Brigade commanded by General [William] Woodford. he states that he was marched to the State of Maryland that to the best of his recollection the Detachment to which he belonged went into winter quarters at Baltimore, he states that while there he was innoculated for the small pox. He states that in June 1777 he was marched from Maryland and joined the main army under the command of General Washington at a place called Middlebrook [NJ] where fortifications were erected, after [one or more pages missing; see endnote]

knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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 day and year aforesaid.

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[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Murphy, Leander.]

Virginia Prince Wm County. I do hereby assign and make over unto William King of the County of Stafford for a valuable consideration all my right title claim and interest of and in the whole of the Lands I may be intitled to for my services as a Soldier belonging to this State in the continental army agreeable to the within Certificate of Prince Wm County Court, Witness my and this 25th day of Apr. 1780

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NOTES:

A summary of Murphey's declaration states that he was in the Battle of Brandywine PA (11 Sep 1777), the Battle of Monmouth NJ (28 Jun 1778), the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC (15 Mar 1781), the Siege of Ninety Six SC (22 May - 19 Jun 1781), and the Battle of Eutaw Springs SC (8 Sep 1781).

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: L. Andrew Murphey/ age 20/ height 5 7½/ planter/ born in Stafford County/ residing in Prince William County/ dark-brown hair/ dark eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.