## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Murrell Cunningham S30975 VA
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State of Kentucky } Ss.

County of Hickman } On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Rezin Davidge Judge of the Hickman Circuit court Murrell Cunningham a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged 72 years who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, and served as herein stated, under the following named Officers

Murrell Cunningham states that he was born the 5<sup>th</sup> of Nov'r 1759 in Cumberland County state of Virginia has no Record of his age. That in August 1777 entered the service as a Drafted malatiaman and was mustered into service in Buckingham County under Col. [David] Mason Majir forgotten Captain John Bate Lieut't Anthony Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Henry Morris. Marched down the south side of James River by Richmond to Williamsburg. Was not employed in any service that brought him in contact with the enemy, during this tour of three months, when he was discharged.

In January 1781 volunteered again and was mustered into service in Cumberland county under the command of Col R. P. Downman [probably Rawleigh Downman], Majir Edmonson Capt Creed Haskins, Lieut't Barnard Guthrie [Bernard Guttery] Ensign Evans. Was engaged in watching the position of the enemy & scouting from Manchester to Norfolk in which they were employed about 3 months.

In the latter part of July of the same year drafted under the same Captain – Colonel Henry Skipwith, & General Thomas Nelson. Marched then down the country and when it was expected we should capture Cornwallis, he remained at the siege of York until the final Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] when he was discharged after something more than a 3 months tour. He recollects Colonels Downman, [Ralph] Faulkner & [St. George] Tucker, Captain Holmes, Generals Washington, Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], [Benjamin] Lincoln & La Fayette [Lafayette].

He moved from Virginia to Tennessee in the year 1800 where he resided til the year 1830 he then moved to this County where he now lives

He lives near Eli White & Samuel Gibson Jacob Dooms & John Dooms who will testify as to his credibility and his character for truth & veracity

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of the United States. [signed] Murrell Cunningham

## [Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky } On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeard In oppen Court before Hickman County Sct } the worshipful County Court of said County to wit, E A Daniel. John E Taylor. A S Farley & John Shaw who being Justice of said County Court Murrell Cunningham a Resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 74 years old who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration or an Amendment to a former Declaration by him made out the 5<sup>th</sup> day of october 1832 before the Hon'l. Rezin Davidge Judge of the Hickman Circuit Court in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he Enterd and Served as he has stated In said Former Declaration is a fact and he also states that he now is old and that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state posatively to the length of time that he was in the servis but he now states he served at least 9 months as a Private soldier under the officers named in said declaration of the 5<sup>th</sup> of october 1832 and that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows no one that can testify to his servises, but his nighbours knows his standing for varasity to wit the

Revd Sam'l. Gibson and Bynum Ferell who hath testified to his varasity I have other neighbours towit John H Tyler and others who can testify to the same he further declars his name is not on any pension roll or agency of any state or teritory whatever and he hereby relinquishes evry claim what ever except the present

Murrel Cunningham

And the said Court propounded the six following questions to which the said Cunningham made the following subjoined answers.

1st. Where and in what year was you born

Answer I was born in Cumberland County State of Virginia on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1759

2<sup>nd</sup>. have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer I have no record of my age or at least none made by my parents

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when cald into servis where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer I was living in Bukinham County Virginia the first tower of duty the other two was from my native county Cumberland and there I lived untill the year 1800 and I moved to Sumner County State of Tennessee and there I lived untill the year 1830 and then I moved to this county where I now live 4<sup>th</sup> How was you cald into servis were you drafted did you volenteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whome

Answer I was drafted the 1<sup>s</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tour and 2<sup>nd</sup> I volenteerd.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Contannental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your servises Answer of the regular army Colo's. Falkner & Downman, & Tucker capt. Holms. General Washington Mulenburg Lincoln and LaFayett and to the insadents of the campaign I have briefly detaild them as well as my memory serves me in my declaration of the 5<sup>th</sup> of october 1832

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the servis and by whome was it given and what has become of it

Answer I never received a written discharge I was always disbanded by my officers or verbally discharged