# Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jeremiah Murray S41023 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. PA

#### DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1818, before me, Jos. Hemphill, Judge of the District Court of the City & County of Philadelphia, personally appeared Jeremiah Murry of Bristol Township Penn who being duly Sworn deposes and declares, that during the War of the Revolution he served against the common enemy as a Private in the army on the Continental Establishment – that on the [blank] day of A.D. Feby 1776 in the state of Pennsylvania he enlisted as a private in the 5th Regiment Pennsylvania Line Commanded by Colonel Magaw [Robert Magaw BLWt1412-500] in Captain Samuel Benezetts [Samuel Benezet] company at Neshameny [Neshaminy] Bucks County for one year at the time of his discharge about Eighteen months after he enlisted in Captain Gosners [Peter Gosner] Company in the second Regiment Continental Troops Pennsylvania Line commanded by Colonel [Walter] Stewart for & during the war and continued untill they were discharged after peace proclaimed

That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support, that he never has received, or been allowed any Pension by the laws of the United States—that he is a resident citizen of the United States, and that his discharge has been worn out in part and what remained is lost.

Jeremiah his Xmark Murray

# Bucks County ss: District of Pennsylvania

On this twelfth day of January 1820 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County personally appeared Jeremiah Murray aged 68 years & 6 months resident in the said County of Bucks who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by law of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war": That he the said Jerremiah Murray enlisted for the term of one year in the month of February 1776 in the County of Bucks in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Benezett of the 5th Penna. Regiment commanded by Collonell McGaw in the Continental establishment (as he believes) That he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the expiration of the said term, that he again enlisted in New Jersey he thinks in 1778 or 9 during the war in the Co. Com'd. by Capn Gosner in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt Coll'1. Stewart of the Brigade Com'd. by General [Anthony] Wayne that he served in the said Corps untill their revolt [1 Jan 1781], he then obtained a furlough for 40 days at the end of which time he reenlisted and served till the termination of the war that when peace was proclaimed he was with the troops on James Island in South Carolina – that he was discharged from service in Philadelphia. That he was in the battles of the Block house on the North River in NJ, 21 Jul 1780] – at the Green Springs in Virginia [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] – and at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

### District of Pennsylvania.

On this fourth day of September 1820, personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas, holden at Doylestown for the County of Bucks, being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a Record of its proceedings, Jeremiah Murray aged Seventy Years, a resident of Bucks County in said District, who being first duely sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and 1st of May 1820, That he the said Jeremiah Murry enlisted for the term of one year, in the month of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Six, in the of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captn. Samuel Benezet,

in the Regiment commanded by Col. McGaw, in the line of the state of Pennsylvania, on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the same Corps untill the month of February 1777, when he was discharged at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, that he was in no battle of that year, enlisted the second time at Millstone in the State of New Jersey AD One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Nine, during the War, in the Company commanded by Capt. Gaumer, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Stewart, that he was in the battles of the Blockhouse, on the North River & Green Springs in Virginia, and York Town, when he was discharged A.D, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty three at Philadelphia That he has obtained a Pension under the Law of March 18th 1820 [sic], his Certificate being numbered, 16,566.

And in pursuance of the act of May 1<sup>st</sup> 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

#### Schedule of Property

I have no property except clothing. I have no family, my business is that of a farmer, which I am not able to follow on account of lameness and other infirmities — Jeremiah his Xmark Murry