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**Pension Application for John Murphy**

S.43053

No. 1. . . .Declaration.

I John Murphy of the City of Albany in the county of Albany in the state of New York, Do according to the act of the Congress of the United States of America entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and "naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," make the following DECLARATION under oath, that is to say: *I do solemnly declare*, that I am a resident citizen of the United States, to wit in the town, county and state aforesaid, and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my country for support. *I do further declare*, that I was a private soldier in the *War of the Revolution*, and that I served as such in the said war of the revolution, against the common enemy, until the end of the said war, for the term of six years and upwards during said war in the Continental establishment.

That I belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Machin (1) in Col. John Lamb's (2) regiment, and in the line of New York. *And I do further declare*, that I entered the said service in March one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and left the said service in June one thousand seven hundred and eighty three having left the same by reason of the expiration of my said term of enlistment.

*And I do further declare*, that I hereby relinquish all claim to every and any Pension heretofore allowed me, by the laws of the United States, or of any individual state. *Witness* my hand, this twenty sixth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

(Signed) John Murphy

WITNESS Sam'l Haring, W Barclay

No. 2. . . . Judge's Certificate.

State of New York

County of Albany, To wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen at the city of Albany, in the county of Albany, and state of New York, before me Samuel Haring Esquire, one of the Judges of the Albany Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Albany in the said state, duly appointed, qualified and sworn, (the same Court being one of the Court of Record of the said state) personally came and appeared, the before named applicant John Murphy who resides in the town, county, and state mentioned in the above declaration, and in my presence subscribed the foregoing *Declaration*; and also before me then and there he was duly sworn to the truth of the facts contained and set forth in the said declaration.—*And it appearing to my satisfaction*, as well from the said declaration under oath, as from such other evidence as was in the power of the said applicant to produce, that the said applicant served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid, against the common enemy, and that the declaration aforesaid under oath of the said applicant is in all other respects true, *I do therefore certify and transmit* the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War according to the requisitions of the act of Congress in that case made. *Given under my hand and seal* of the said court at the city of Albany, in the state of New York, the day and year first above mentioned in this certificate. Sam'l Haring

Note: See affidavit of George Sinclair on the other side.

State of New York

City of Albany. SS.

George Sinclair being duly sworn saith that he has known John Murphy who subscribed the foregoing declaration for many years and that he knows that the said John Murphy served in the Revolutionary War from personal knowledge, having himself served in the same Regiment with him, and that he verily believes his said declaration to be in all other respects true.

(Signed with his mark) George Sinclair

Sworn this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818

Sam<sup>l</sup> Haring, Judge of Albany Common Pleas.

Addition to the Declaration.

In conformity with the instructions issued from the war department I do further swear and declare that I received a regular discharge at the time I left the army—which discharge I gave to a Mr. Carpenter (to whom I sold my bounty land, in order to enable him the more fully to substantiate his title to the same—and further that it is not now in my power to give any further evidence of my service in the war of the revolution.

(Signed) John Murphy

Sworn to this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 before me. Estes Howe, Judge

City and County of Albany

Clerks Office SS.

I certify that Samuel Haring who subscribed the foregoing certificate and Estes Howe before whom the foregoing additional declaration was sworn are judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Albany and that the signatures are their own proper hand writing—In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and office the seal of said court this 13 April 1818

George Merchant Clk

The Honorable Secretary of the War Department.

Albany,

Sir,

The preceding Vouchers are forwarded to the War Department for the purpose of procuring the Applicant, named in such Vouchers, to be placed on the PENSION LIST.

I will thank you to forward to me as soon as possible., the Certificate or Document of the Application being granted, in the manner adopted in your Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your most obedient Servant,

Wm. Barclay,

Agent for the Applicants.

State of New York

Albany County SS

On this seventeenth day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court, (being a court of record in and for the said County, according to the solemn adjudications of the Supreme Court of this state, and being a court which proceeds according to the course of common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment) John Murphy aged sixty four years, resident in the City of Albany in said County who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York in the month of March AD 1777 into a

company commanded by Captain Thomas Matchin belonging to the Second Regiment of Artillery of New York line command[ed] by Colonel John Lamb and belonging to the Continental Establishment. That he was discharged at West Point in the State of New York in the year 1783. That he was at the taking of Cornwallis (3) was also in several single engagements when under the command of General Sullivan (4) and one particularly at Chemung River in New York State—That he has no other evidences of his enlistment, services and discharge other than those accompanying his application for his pension under the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and now in the proper office in the City of Washington.

And 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> 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. To wit: I have no other property in the world than the clothing on me and part of a change in all not worth more than two or three Dollars. I am an unmarried man and no relative to support me, and but for the pension I now draw from the United States should now be under the necessity of living on charity. I am sixty four years of age and extremely feeble and unable to labour for any support I am by occupation a common laborer.

John Murphy

Subscribed and Sworn in open court June the 17<sup>th</sup> 1820.

[Actl Williams, Depy Clk]

State of New York

City & County of Albany

I Henry Truax, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the city and county of Albany do hereby certify, that the foregoing affidavit and the schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the record of the said court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of the said court, that the total amount, in value, of property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule, is worth nothing except exceptions. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said court, on this second day of August 1820. Henry Truax Clerk

Hon. John C. Calhoun

Sir:

On behalf of another old and worthy soldier of the Revolution, I take the liberty to enclose his affidavit and papers to continue him on the pension list. If sufficient permit me to ask of you to be informed thereof—

I also enclose a recommendation in behalf of James Blake signed by some of the first and most respectable citizens--permit me respectfully to request for him a favorable consideration thereof--and if practicable that he may continue to enjoy with his veteran associates the bounty of a grateful people

I am very respectfully your M[ost] Obt[Obedient] Servt [Servant]

Garrett Mansing

Albany 5 August 1820.

End Notes—S.43053—John Murphy

1. Thomas Machin was appointed Captain Lieutenant on January 1, 1777 in Captain Thomas Theodore Bliss' Company in Colonel John Lambs' Second Regiment of

Continental Artillery. Captain Bliss was taken prisoner on June 28, 1778 at the Battle of Monmouth, N.J. He was exchanged January 9, 1781 and did not rejoin the regiment. Machin was appointed captain of the company on August 21, 1780.

2. John enlisted on March 23, 1777 and was appointed gunner in Captain Bliss' Company in Colonel Lamb's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1776-1783, Series M-246, Roll 118, folder 39, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. John would have been at Fort Montgomery when it was attacked and captured on October 6, 1777, the Yorktown, Va. Campaign was from September 28-October 19, 1781, and the Battle of Newtown on August 29, 1779, at the present day Elmira, N.Y.
4. Major General John Sullivan and Brigadier General James Clinton with a combined American Army in 1779 attacked and destroyed Iroquois Villages in the western part of New York.