

## **Pension Application for Henry Murphy**

W.18543

B.L. Wt 17.875-150-56

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year One thousand eight hundred and Forty Eight personally appeared before me, Samuel Belding Jr. County Judge of Montgomery County, Anna Murphy a resident of the Town of Stark in the County of Herkimer and State of New York. (late a resident of Montgomery County) aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the second day of February in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight and other acts granting Pensions to Widows of Person who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is still the widow of Henry Murphy who was a private in the militia in which he served in Captain Lipe' Company and Colonel Clyde Regiment and inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the New York Agency at the rate of three dollars and seventy cents per month, and that his name is now on the Roll of the same Agency at the Eight Dollars per month as an Invalid Pensioner. And that her husband the late Henry Murphy also drew a pension as a private as above mentioned at the rate of Twenty dollars and Eleven cents per annum under the law of Seventh June in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Thirty two. That her husband the said Henry Murphy drew the pensions as above stated, as will be seen by the certificate hereto annexed, and returned to the department.

She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Murphy on the Twenty Seventh day of December in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and ninety One at the House of the Revd D. C. A. Pick by the Revd D. C. A. Pick who was the Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Fort Plain in the County of Montgomery.

That he maiden name was Anna Nellis and her Father's name was George Nellis. That her husband Henry Murphy died in the town of Stark in the County of Herkimer on the Sixth day of May in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Forty Seven. That previous to their removal to the said town of Stark they resided in the town of Minden Montgomery County. She further declares that she is still the widow of Henry Murphy deceased and that she has not remarried since his decease. (Signed with her mark) Anna Murphy

Sworn to and subscribed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848 before me. D. Belding, Jr. County Judge.

Witness Jas. W. Hamilton

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1834 Personally appeared before Abraham Morrell, Samuel A Gilbert, John Hand, Henry J. Dievendorff and David Spraker, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County in Open Court, Henry Murphy a resident of the Town of Stark in the County of Herkimer that he was born in the Town of Canajoharie in the then County of Tryon now Montgomery, aged Seventy Two years now 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832--That he always understood by his Parents, that he had been baptized by the Revd, Mr. Ehle an Reformed Dutch Minister, whose Church records are not to be found, neither family record, But that he had been bound as apprentice to John Loucks, To learn the trade of Shoemaking, Tanner and Corious, by which the Indenture I always could recollect, and know my age, besides always did recollect the day of the month and year or he was informed by his parents from his youth—and that in the Spring 1779 he entered the service of the United States, attached to the company under the Command of Capt. Adam Lype (1) as a private in the Militia in Regt Commanded by Col. Samuel Clyde, (2) Gen' Frederick Fishers (3) Brigade—And likewise and frequently did render Services Under Col. Willett (4) more Especially from the year 1781 Until the Conclusion of the Revolutionary War, Col. Willett had the Chief Command over all the Militia, as well as he had over all the Levis and drafts aver all the County, then Tryon, and so considered that all the services rendered by the Militia & all particularly from the year 1781 In Tryon County was done by the General Authority and Command of Col. Willett and that Services was rendered by Claimant as follows.

A Statement Showing the Service of Henry Murphy, Montgomery County State of N. York

1779-1782, Private, Company officers: Capt. Adam Lype, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Jacob Mathias, (5) 2d Lieut Nicholas Barth, (6) Ensign, William W. Seeber. Field Officers: Genl Fre'd Fisher, Col. Sam'l Clyde, Maj'r Abm. Coapman, (7) 2d Maj'r Joseph House, (8) Served in New York, lived in New York when served, now aged seventy, served one year, seven months, 14 days, born 14<sup>th</sup> December 1762.

Drafted 1<sup>st</sup> tour to Fort Plank, there stationed in rendering garrison duty and service of the United States under Capt. Lype. Again drafted to Fort Plank rendering Garrison duty or service under the command of Majr House, during that time sent out to Weavers Lake spying the enemy. Ordered out by Capt Lype with Esqr. Lampert and John Walrath and John Plants Guarding [???] with Cattle for the supply of the Garrison at, and to Fort Stanwix.

Often and frequently ordered out under General Command of Col. Willett by his orders and directions to Fort Plank always and chiefly under the Command of Maj'r House there stationed in rendering Garrison duty.

Col. Willett himself stationed at Fort Plain generally by his Gen'l orders, Claimant often and frequently was ordered and Stationed at the Fort in rendering garrison duty but impossible for Claimant to justify particularly but says that he has clearly and positively rendered the length of United States Services at least as stated in the foregoing and present changes.

Often and frequently called out in alarms during Spring season & fall season, claimant always did turn out on a moments notice Gen'l orders by Col. Willett.

Ordered out at the time when a young woman was murdered by the Indians by Name Elisabeth Deck, John Lonas and one other taken prisoners when claimant with others in pursuit of the enemy to Younges Lake, retook a considerable large drove of Cattle from the Enemy.

On an alarm ordered out to Fort House, at the time whom some prisoners were taken, when claimant doth not recollect in Palatine there stationed in rendering United States Services watching and guarding against the enemy.

Ordered out on an alarm to Fort Dayton, Herkimer under the command of Lieut Bard there stationed by rendering Garrison duty the length of service placed opposite being drafted out of Capt. Lypes Company.

Ordered out or volunteered not sure, but did pursue the enemy to Springfield at the time when several were taken prisoners, vizt Daughter of Conrad Watts, Peter Garlough, a son of a Mr. Foster, and a black man and black woman, then belonging to [?] Dake at the time when a Mr. Eight (9) was killed and murdered at the Katzebergh, after the persuing the enemy. Whether voluntary or ordered claimant doth not recollect.

During different season from spring until late in fall the Indians continually have kept lurking around in the woods near improved farms annoying the inhabitants murdering and taking many prisoners at various and different times and in consequence the Militia had to be on the alert almost all the time during the different seasons, in watching and guarding by rendering garrison duty, at both, Fort Plank and Fort Plain, and often and frequently called out pursuing and spying the enemy, exclusive of all the foregoing length of service as stated, that claimant at least has rendered impracticable for claimant to be more specific.

Ordered out on the expedition to Oswego under Col. Willett in February, which was as the last service Claimant can recollect in rendering to the United States at the close of the Revolutionary War, and an very Sereous, and Teadious one.

He herby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and except his invalid pension and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, only on that of the agency of the State of N. York appertaining to his invalid pension. And that the claimant further state that he could not appear before the Court of Common Pleas at Herkimer County without attented with much expense his witnesses and acquaintances hereby residing in Montgomery County. (Signed) Henry Murphy

Witnesses, Peter Young, George Lampert and Col. John Roof, with whose proved positive and personally known and acquainted with, Adam Garlough, Joseph Waggoner, Peter Lampert, Nich's Dunckle, George Dunckle, George Loucks, and many others living with whom Claimant can list himself a man of truth and veracity and their belief as to his service.

Letter included in the Pension Application folder.

August 17, 1939

Captain L. Worrick McFee  
St. John's Military Academy  
Delafield, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Henry Murphy who was born in 1762 and served in the Revolutionary War form the Canajoharie district, New York.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, W.18543, based on the military service of Henry Murphy.

Henry Murphy was born December 14, 1762, in Canajoharie in what was then Tryon but later Montgomery County, New York. He was the son of Petries Murphy who was not living when Henry married in 1791. The name of Henry's mother is not shown.

While living in Canajoharie, Henry Murphy enlisted in May, 1779, and served at various times, until sometime in February, 1783, amounting in all, to one year, seven months and fourteen days, as private in the New York militia under Lieutenants Nicholas Barth and Brate, (10) Captains Adam Leipe, J. Diffendorff, House, and Colonels Samuel Clyde, Harper, (11) Dubois and Brown. He was in the battles of Klock's Field and Failing's Field, (12) in a battle called Turlough (Turlock) (13) was wounded in the right arm in the battle of Johnstown in October, 1781, (14) and was stationed a great part of his service at Fort Herkimer. [Note in margin, " See report from Comptroller's Office, NY found in these claims." Also the note "Correct spelling of other officers taken from 'NY in Rev'. recs."]

Because of the disability resulting from the wound received in the battle of Johnstown, Henry Murphy was pension from October 27, 1786.

In 1824, he was living in Minden (formerly Canajoharie) Montgomery County, New York. In 1834 he was living in Stark, Herkimer County, New York, and he died there May 6, 1847.

Henry Murphy married in Minden, New York, December 27, 1791, Anna Nellis, the daughter of George Nellis, and the marriage was performed by Reverend D. C.A. Pick who was then the pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Fort Plain, Montgomery County, New York.

As the widow of Henry Murphy, Anna Murphy was allowed pension on her application executed November 7, 1848, at which time she was seventy-six years of age and was living at Stark, New York.

While living in Stark, New York, Anna Murphy applied for bounty land on April 7, 1855, on account of the Revolutionary War service of Henry Murphy. She received Warrant #17875 for 160 acres under the Act of March 3, 1855. (15) For information relative to the location of this land it is suggested that you address the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Department, this city, giving the warrant number, the acreage and the act under which the warrant was issued.

One Peter P. Murphy was a physician in Stark, New York, in 1832, but his relationship to Henry Murphy is not shown.

One Aaron Nellis was justice of the peace in Fulton County, New York in 1848, but it was not shown whether he was related to the widow, Anna Murphy.

There are no further data relative to family.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator

End Notes—W/18543—Henry Murphy

1. Adam Leipe served as a captain in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. Samuel Clyde served as the Lieutenant-Colonel under Colonel Campbell.
3. Frederick Visscher was the Colonel of the Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Colonel Visscher was appointed brigadier general on October 2, 1786 of the Montgomery County Militia (which had been the Tryon County Militia).
4. On April 27, 1781, Marinus Willett was appointed lieutenant colonel commandant of a regiment of levies to serve in the Mohawk Valley and to command the Tryon County Militia.
5. Jacob Mathias served as the first lieutenant, William Seeber as the second lieutenant and John Countryman as the ensign in Captain Leipe's Company.

6. Nicholas Bard or Bort, Bardt, etc., served as the second lieutenant in Captain Jacob Dieffendorf's Fifth Company in Colonel Campbell's Regiment.
7. Abraham Copeman was appointed Captain of the Sixth Company on August 26, 1775 in Colonel Nicholas Herkimer's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Captain Copeman was appointed major on October 19, 1779 in what was now Campbell's Regiment.
8. Jost or Joseph House had served as the first lieutenant in Captain Copeman's Company and when he was promoted to major; House was appointed captain of the company. House was commissioned captain on March 4, 1780.
9. Adam Eights or Ehts, Etz, etc., was killed on August 2, 1780.
10. Henry Bratt or Bradt, Brodt, etc., first lieutenant in Captain Nicholas Weeser's Ninth Company in Colonel Campbell's Regiment.
11. John Harper was appointed lieutenant colonel commandant of a regiment of New York State Levies on May 11, 1780, Lewis DuBois was appointed colonel on July 1, 1780 of a regiment of New York State Levies and John Brown was appointed Colonel on July 1, 1780 of a regiment of Massachusetts State Levies.
12. The Battle of Klocksfield was fought in the afternoon of October 19, 1780. Harper and DuBois were with the American troops in this battle under Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer. Colonel Brown had been killed in the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> in the Battle of Stone Arabia.
13. The Battle of New Dorloch was fought on July 10, 1781.
14. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Willett commanded the American troops at New Dorlach and Johnstown. Lieutenant Bard was also wounded at Johnstown.
15. On the muster roll of Captain Leipe's Company for service from June 15, 1779 to July 5, 1780, Henry had served 68 day and was owed £ 6..0..10. On the Muster Roll of Leipe's Company from July 6, 1780 to July 20, 1782, Henry had served 36 days and was owed £ 3..4..0. On Captain Leipe's Certificate roll dated September 28, 1784 had two certificates which were 11331 for £6..0..10 and 11419 for £ 3..4..0. Henry finally received his pay for his services. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 84, National Archives, Washington, D. C.