

## (G) MURRAYS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### *Officers of the Continental Army*

— Murray (—). Appointed Captain Sappers and Miners, 7th February, 1780, to rank from 2d August, 1779, and served to —.

Alexander Murray (Md.). 2d Lieutenant of Smallwood's Maryland Regiment, 14th January, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, August, 1776; Captain 1st Maryland, 10th December, 1776; resigned 10th June, 1777, and joined the Navy. (Died 6th October, 1821.)

Francis (Pa.). Captain Pennsylvania Musket Battalion, 15th March, 1776; taken prisoner at Long Island, 27th August, 1776; exchanged 9th December, 1776; Major Pennsylvania State Regiment, 2d May, 1777; regiment designated 13th Pennsylvania, 12th November, 1777; taken prisoner 21st February, 1778, while on his way home; exchanged 25th December, 1780 did not return to service. (Died 30th November, 1816.)

John (Pa.). Ensign 6th Pennsylvania Battalion, 9th January, 1776; Captain of Miles' Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, 7th March, 1776; Major Pennsylvania State Regiment, 18th March, 1777; regiment designated 13th Pennsylvania 12th November, 1777; transferred to 2d Pennsylvania, 1st July, 1778; Lieutenant-Colonel, 10th December, 1778; retired 17th January 1781. (Died 3d February, 1798.)

John (R. I.). Chaplain to Rhode Island Regiments, 17th September to December, 1775. (Died 3d September, 1815.)

Seth (Mass.). Captain of Woodbridge's Massachusetts Regiment, April to November, 1775; Colonel Massachusetts Militia in 1780. (Died 1795.)

William (N. C.). Ensign 4th North Carolina, 1st April, 1777, to —.

Abraham (Va.). 2d Lieutenant 14th Virginia, 10th March, 1777; 1st Lieutenant, 8th December, 1777, and served to —.

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The following Murrays served in the American Revolution from the respective colonies. Figures following some of the names indicate the number of times those names appear on the records examined:

*Connecticut*: Amasa—2, Benjamin—2, Daniel, Hannah, James—5, Jasper—2, Jeffery, John—2, Jonathan—2, Joseph—3, Nathan, Samuel Solomon—2, Stephen—2, Warren—2. *Delaware*: Bryan—3, Daniel—23, Francis, John—10, Philip—4, Richard—3, Samuel—10. *Maryland*: Alexander—2, Daniel—2, Edward—3, James—8, John—10, Lawrence, Matthew—2, Richard, Thomas, Thompson—2, Valentine—2, William. *Massachusetts*: Alexander, David, Dominique, Elihu, Elijah, Francis, James, John—11, Michael—2, Nathan, Peter—3, Samuel—2, Seth, William—8. *New Hampshire*: Beriah—4, Daniel—4, David, James—2, John—6, Patrick, Samuel—2. *New Jersey*: James—3, Joseph, Patrick, Robert, Thomas, William—2. *New York*: Alexander, Andrew, Angus, Bartly, Bartley, Daniel, David, Lt. Ezra, George—2, Isaac, Jack—3, Nathan, Nicholas, Peter, Lt. Reuben, Thomas,

William—4. *Pennsylvania*: Alexander, Archbed, Barney—2, Charles—12, Corlias, Daniel—18, David—3, Edward, Eneas—2, Francis—21, George—6, Henry, J. A., Jacob—4, James—32, Jeremiah—4, John—59, Leakey, Leckey, Matthias, Michael—2, Neal—2, Patrick—8, Pattrick—2, Peter, Richard—4, Robert—6, Simon, Thomas—24, William—44, William, Jr. *Vermont*: Ebenezer—2, Eber, William. *Virginia*: Charles, Daniel—2, David, Duncan, Edward, Francis, Gabriel, George, James, John—2, Matthew, Michael, Ralph, Richard, Thomas, William—2. *Total*, 495.

#### (H) PROMINENT MURRAYS OF AMERICA, PAST GENERATIONS

ALEXANDER MURRAY: naval officer; b. Chestertown, Md., 1755; his grandfather, an adherent of the Pretender, settled in Barbadoes, and his father was a physician of Chestertown, Md. Alexander went to sea at an early age and commanded a vessel in European trade when eighteen years old. In 1767 he was appointed lieutenant in the American Navy. His last appointment was the command of the Philadelphia navy yard.

ALEXANDER: Canadian geologist; b. Perthshire, Scotland, 1811; s. Anthony, of Crieff, a landed gentleman; was educated at the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth, and served in the navy from 1825 until 1835, when he resigned. His work in connection with demonstrating the relations of the Huron series of rocks to the formations of lower Silurian age attracted wide attention. He wrote a treatise on the geology and mineralogy of Newfoundland after he had made an extensive geological survey.

DAVID: educator; b. Bovina, N. Y., 1830, of parents who came to this country from Scotland in 1818. He was superintendent of the schools and colleges of Tokio 1873–79, by appointment of the Japanese government, and under his supervision the present elaborate system of public education was established. He received various degrees and honors, including the decoration of the Rising Sun, from the Emperor of Japan, in 1878, and was editor of a volume on "Japanese Education" (N. Y., 1876), besides several other books.

ELI HOUSTON: Governor of Utah; b. Breckinridge Co., Ky., 1844; was appointed U. S. Marshal for Ky. in 1866 and held the office until 1876; was appointed Governor of Utah by President Hayes in 1880 and reappointed by President Arthur. He opposed the encroachments of the Mormon Church and the advance of polygamy.

HANNAH LINDLEY: translator; b. N. Y. C., 1777; dau. of a native of Penna. who settled in N. Y., before the Revolution, and was a successful merchant for over fifty years. She was an accomplished linguist, made translations from several languages, painted, and wrote verses and hymns.

JAMES: Governor of Canada; b. Scotland, about 1712; 4th s. of Alexander, Lord Elibank; entered army at early age, and became Lt.-Col. of 15th foot regiment, 1751. He served as Governor of Quebec, and in 1763, was appointed Governor of Canada. Later he returned to England; became Governor of Minorca, 1778; General, 1783; and Governor of Hull, 1785; colonel of 21st fusiliers in 1789. General Murray made a gallant, but unsuccessful defence of Minorca in 1781, against the Duc de Crillon's French and Spanish force, and rejected the French general's offer of a bribe of £1,000,000 for the surrender of the fortress.

**JOHN:** soldier; b. Scotland about 1731; purchased land near town of Dauphin, Pa., 1766. He was an ardent patriot and, in 1776, was first to be appointed to command a company in Col. Samuel Miles' "rifle regiment". He was made lieutenant-colonel of the 2d Penna., participating in several battles, including those of Germantown and Brandywine.

**JOHN:** clergyman; b. Alton, Hampshire, Eng., 1741; m. to Cork, Ireland, when eleven years old; was chaplain to the R. I. brigade that encamped before Boston in 1775.

**JOHN:** clergyman; b. Antrim, Ireland; 1742; educated in Edinburgh; held Presbyterian pastorates in Philadelphia, Boothbay, Me., and Newburyport, Mass. He was on several occasions instrumental in effecting exchange of prisoners.

**JOHN CLARK:** Canadian educator; b. Paisley, Scotland, 1836; educated at the universities of Glasgow, Edinburgh, Heidelberg and Göttingen, and contributed to "Chambers' Cyclopaedia". In 1862 he was appointed professor of mental and moral philosophy in Queen's Univ., Kingston, Canada.

**JOHN O'KANE:** historian; b. Glenariffe, County Antrim, Ireland, 1847; studied medicine in University of City of New York and practiced in Brooklyn; was conversant in six languages. He was author of several books, including a "Popular History of the Catholic Church in the United States" (1876), in commendation of which Pope Pius IX sent him a medal and a personal letter.

**LINDLEY:** grammarian; b. Swatara, Pa., 1745; eldest s. of Robert Murray, who afterward became the greatest N.Y. merchant of ante-Revolutionary times. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, but when the Revolution began, he retired to a Long Island cottage and spent four years in fishing, boating and fowling. Regretting these wasted years, he returned to New York in 1779 and entered into commercial speculations, under the direction of his father, with such success that at the close of the Revolution he was able to retire with a fortune to a beautiful place on the Hudson, three miles from the city. He was the author of many books, including "The Power of Religion on the Mind" (1787), which was very successful and passed through 17 editions.

**NICHOLAS:** clergyman; b. Ballynaskea, Ireland, 1802; ran away to the United States in 1818; became a protestant and was ordained joint pastor of Presbyterian churches in Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, Pa. He was a founder of the N. J. Historical Society and, in 1850, was Moderator of the General Assembly of his church.

**ROBERT:** surgeon; b. Howard Co., Md., 1822; grad., Jefferson Medical College, 1845; was appointed assistant surgeon in U. S. army, 1846. He received brevets of Lt.-Col. and Colonel, in 1865 for meritorious service during the Civil War; was made Surgeon-General, 1883; and retired, 1886.

**WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON:** author; b. Guilford, Conn., 1840; grad. Yale, 1862. He became pastor of the Congregational Church at Boston in 1848.

**WILLIAM VANS:** diplomat; b. Cambridge, Md., 1762; served in Maryland Legislature and in Congress. In 1797 President Washington appointed him Minister to the Netherlands, and in 1799 President Adams made him Envoy to France.

## (I) PROMINENT AMERICAN MURRAYS OF TODAY

ARTHUR MURRAY: army officer; April 29, 1851—May 12, 1925.

ARTHUR T.: Corpn. officer; b. Norwalk, Conn.; s. Thomas S. Connected with automotive industry since its inception; now pres. Am. Bosch Magneto Corpn.; Gray & Davis, Inc.; Chicopee Realty Corpn.; dir. Chicopee Nat. Bank (Springfield, Mass.).

AUGUSTUS TABER: univ. prof., b. N. Y. City, 1866; s. Robert Lindley; prof. Greek, Leland Stanford, Jr. U., since 1892; annual prof. Am. Sch. of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece. Author,—College Greek Compositions; transl. of the Odyssey of Homer; The Iliad. Address: Palo Alto, Calif.

CHARLES THEODORE: journalist.

DAVID AMBROSE: missionary; b. Montgomery Co., N. Y., 1861; s. Andrew Keachie; ordained Presbyterian ministry, 1888; teacher in government schools, Kyoto and Osaka, Japan; founded Osaka Theol. Sem. Author: "Christian Faith," "New Psychology," "The Supernatural," "His Return" and editor of "Christian Movement in Japan". Add.: Santa Monica, Calif.

ELIZABETH: writer, lecturer; b. Des Moines, Iowa; made tour of world collecting material for the first universal history of women; organized national councils of women; served on war boards, Calif. Wrote, "My Kingdom". Add.: Washington, D. C.

GEORGE WELWOOD: lawyer; b. Edinburgh, Scotland, 1856; s. Welwood. Dir. Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., Mortgage Bond Co. of N. Y., Montclair Trust Co., Western Pacific R. R. corpn., Albany & Susquehanna R. R. Co. etc. Add.: New York City.

GRACE PECKHAM (Mrs. Charles H. Murray): M.D.

JOHN GARDNER: bishop; b. Lonaconing, Md., 1857; s. James; elected presiding bishop P.E. Ch., 1925, for term 1926-31, inc. Add.: Baltimore, Md.

JOHN GREGORY: bishop; b. Waterbury, Conn., 1877; s. William. Installed as bishop of Portland at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1925; Add.: Portland, Me.

JOHN SCOTT: univ. prof.; b. Anderson, S. C., 1857; s. Rev. John Scott. Prof. German, French, Greek and Modern languages; Mercer U., and Furman U. Add.: Greenville, S. C.

JOHN TUCKER: educator; b. Rio de Janiero, Brazil, 1877; s. David. Member faculty of Harvard U. since 1919. Enlisted in British Army, 1914; detailed to Pub. Sch. Corps, London, later to 3rd Batt. Duke of Wellington's Regt., 1915; later capt. Author, "English Dramatic Companies". Add.: Cambridge, Mass.

LAWRENCE O.: Government official.

NATHANIEL CARLETON: statistician.

PETER: army officer.

ROY IRVING: educator; b. Brooklyn, Wis., 1882; s. Peter. Master in Latin and English, St. Mark's School, Southborough, Mass. Capt. A.R.C., 1917-18, in England, France and Italy. Author and contrbr. to mag. Add.: Southborough, Mass.

SAMUEL: sculptor; b. Phila., 1870; won gold medal; exhibited at Paris Exposition, Buffalo Expn., silver Medal, St. Louis Expn.; statues in various parks; rep. in the Met. Mus., N. Y. Add.: Phila., Pa.

SIDNEY EUGENE: lawyer; b. Lone Elm, Henderson Co., Tenn., 1875; s. John Leonadus; mem. Tenn. House of Representatives; nominee for Congress, 1910; U. S. Dist. Atty., Western District of Tenn., since Nov. 1921. Add.: Memphis, Tenn.

WILLIAM HENRY ("Alfalfa Bill"): congressman; b. Collinsville, Tenn., 1869; s. Uriah Darwin Thomas; editor; admitted to bar 1896; mainly engaged in ranching since 1903; speaker Oklahoma House of Representatives, 1907-08; member of 63rd and 64th Congresses, Oklahoma. Address, Tishomingo, Okla.

WILLIAM SPENCER: consulting engr.; b. Annapolis, Md., 1873; s. of James Daniel; in charge of electrification, N. Y. Div., of N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R.; pres. Housatonic Power Co.; now mem. Murray & Flood, engns. Fellow Am. Inst. Elec. Engrs. Add.: New York City.

#### (J) MURRAY TOWNS, ETC.

There are in the United States towns as follows:

MURRAY: Ark., Calif., Idaho, Iowa, Ky., Nebr., Pa., Tex., Utah; MURRAY CITY: Ohio; MURRAY HILL: N. J.; MURRAY ISLE: N. Y.; MURRAYSVILLE: W. Va.; MURRAYVILLE: Ga., Ill. There are also in the United States numerous counties, townships, streets, avenues, etc., bearing the name "Murray". This is eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which the name is held in this country.

(K) MURRAY CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

The compiler of these records has made up a list from city and telephone directories of the United States, and from other sources, as follows. Care was taken to eliminate, wherever possible, persons known or believed to be colored, or of nationalities other than British and American:

Alabama.....	73	Maine.....	52	Oklahoma.....	65
Arizona.....	20	Maryland.....	135	Oregon.....	18
Arkansas.....	31	Massachusetts.....	949	Pennsylvania.....	916
California.....	803	Michigan.....	371	Rhode Island.....	157
Colorado.....	122	Minnesota.....	145	South Carolina.....	
Connecticut.....	322	Mississippi.....	15	South Dakota.....	8
District of Columbia...	141	Missouri.....	196	Tennessee.....	129
Delaware.....	31	Montana.....	56	Texas.....	254
Florida.....	132	Nebraska.....	78	Utah.....	37
Georgia.....	67	Nevada.....	13	Vermont.....	25
Idaho.....	6	New Hampshire.....	43	Virginia.....	108
Illinois.....	672	New Jersey.....	347	Washington.....	98
Indiana.....	208	New Mexico.....	2	West Virginia.....	22
Iowa.....	144	New York.....	1759	Wisconsin.....	113
Kansas.....	58	North Carolina.....	47	Wyoming.....	3
Kentucky.....	86	North Dakota.....	9		
Louisiana.....	41	Ohio.....	516	Total.....	9,643

To secure an estimate of the "Murray population" of the United States, we figure as follows:

	(a)
	Multiply
	by
Only about half the names were taken from each directory consulted.....	2
Half of the Murrays reside in the rural districts or in small towns having no printed directories which were available to us.....	2
There are an average of more than four persons in each American family.....	4
Since Murray daughters marry and have as many descendants as the Murray sons, there are as many descendants of "other names" as there are bearing the name Murray (though it is much easier to locate the latter).....	2
By multiplying each figure of column (a) into the preceding figure, we have a total of.....	32
Conservative estimate of the Murray population of the United States, one-half of whom bear the name Murray and one-half of whom bear other names.....	308,576

The estimated Murray population of any of the states may be obtained by multiplying the figures shown by 32. The Murray population of the British Empire is probably equal to that in the United States.

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