

Samuel McMurry (1726 - 1802) Patriot # P-332635

Patriotic Service

Samuel was born about 1726 to the parents of James McMurry and Nancy Hannah Todd in the Colony of Virginia. Around 1750 Samuel married Elizabeth Wilson. They were known to have had at least six children – John, James, William, Mary Wilson, Charles, and Samuel Wilson.

At 50 years of age when the colonies broke from Great Britain, going to war was not the best option for this family man and planter. During the Revolution Samuel sought to support the patriotic cause several ways. He served as a juror in 1779. He also furnished supplies and took the Oath of Allegiance upon Land Entry in 1778 and 1779. At that time, he was give 371 acres.

After the war, Samuel took an active role in developing and improving his community in North Carolina. In September of 1797, Samuel McMurry and Thomas Wiley, the ruling Elders of the Upper Hyco Presbyterian Church (later renamed Griers) purchased 1.75 acres with a spring for four shillings. This land is said to be the location that the first church was building was erected upon.

Samuel died March 15, 1802 in the Hillsborough District, Person County, NC. In his will, Samuel ensured that his wife and children shared in the property that he had amassed and that they would have no debts. His wife passed in 1815.

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