

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morris R16548

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832:

The State of Tennessee Wayne County:

On the 4th of July 1836 personally appeared in the County Court of said County John Morris a citizen of the said County aged seventy-six & made oath in due form of law & makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 as near as his recollection serves him: & that he entered for the term of two years under Captain Slaughter of the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel John Green: & that during this term of service he was in the following Battles viz. the Battle of German Town [Germantown October 4, 1777], the Battle [of] Bandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] & at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]: And at the expiration of the two years he received a written discharge but has lost or misplaced it not knowing that it would be of any benefit to him: & after he was discharged he returned home and remained there about two or three months & then he volunteered under Captain William Buckner & marched up into Albemar [Albemarle] County in the State of Virginia to guard ten thousand of the Enemy & that he served out his time which was three months & was regularly discharged and then he volunteered under Commissary Conner to collect & drive Beeves to the Army then remaining at Ruffin's Ferry on the Pamunkey River in the State of Virginia & that he found his own horse to ride during this campaign & that he served about four months & was discharged: and he then volunteered under the said Captain William Buckner of the 10th Regiment & was scouting about for some time & was under several captains during this time: He remained in service under the said Captain Buckner & the other Captains until a little before the taking of Cornwallis & then he was placed under Captain Willis of the 10th Regiment & he marched under said Captain Willis General Wayne & General de Marquis [Lafayette] down to little York & there remained until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & from thence he marched as a guard to guard the Enemy to Winchester in the State of Virginia & here he was regularly discharged & returned home.

He received regular discharges for all of his services but has lost or mislaid them: He served in all as near as he recollects about five years:

He states that he resided in the state of Virginia Orange County when he entered the service & after the war he removed from thence into Campbell County Virginia & from [thence] into Franklin County Virginia & from thence into Sumner County in the State of Tennessee & from thence into Murray County Tennessee & from thence into Wayne County where he now resides:

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatsoever to a pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any State: – he does not know of any living witness in his reach by whom he can prove his services.

Sworn to & subscribed before us in open Court this the 4th of July 1836 –

S/ John Morris, X his mark

Interrogatories by the Court

Q. How old are you?

A. Seventy-six

Q. How old was you when you entered the service first

A. Sixteen years old or thereabouts

Q. What has become of your discharges

A. they have been lost or mislaid and cannot be found

Q. How long was you in the service of the United States

A. In all about five years

[Note: There is nothing in this file which indicates why the claim was denied but I note that there was no standard supporting affidavit given by 2 of his neighbors nor was there a certificate by a clergyman as required by the regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of pensions.]