

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morris R6772

Rachel McKissick (McChisick)<sup>1</sup> f96VA

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of a power of attorney, and the evidence to establish the same, on which a Warrant for bounty land for the services of John Morris a Private Soldier of the Revolution, in the line of this State was obtained.

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1850

S/ W. Hill, Secretary of State

[p 3: Power of attorney dated July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1820 filed in Bertie County North Carolina by William Morris claiming to be heir at law of John Morris late a private in Captain Williams' Company in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the North Carolina line in the revolutionary Army. William Morris signed this document with his mark.]

[p 7: Power of attorney dated July 15, 1853 filed in Union District South Carolina by Rachel Morris daughter of Rachel McChisick, widow of John Morris of Union District South Carolina. She signed her power of attorney with her mark.]

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South Carolina Union District:

On this 13 day of October 1849 personally appeared Rachel McChisick before me the subscribing Magistrate a resident of Union District aged 86 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Morris who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution Captain Spencer's Company of the North Carolina line Colonel \_\_\_ Mag [?] General Green [presumably a reference to General Nathanael Greene] for 5 years or during the war and marched from the State of Virginia and continued in service until the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] or Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in one of which the said John Morris was wounded (having his leg broken by a ball) and was taken back to North Carolina where he was shortly after discharged in consequence of his wound which rendered him unfit for service. She further declares that she was married to the said John Morris in North Carolina Rutherford County in the month of Aug. 1783 and that her husband John Morris died the 18<sup>th</sup> day

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<sup>1</sup> Former widow

of February 1807 and that she afterwards married Daniel McChisick who died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1826. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. to wit at the time above stated.

She further declares that she has no record or documentary Evidence to prove the service of her said husband that his furlough or discharge was lost or mislaid but was carefully preserved by her husband the said John Morris who said he was entitled to bounty land for his said service which she declarant understood was laid off on Green River North Carolina but that her husband had not obtained a settlement or warrant for said Land.

She further declares her husband the said John Morris was about 5'10" high fair complexion Blue eyes stoutly built and had a scar on the left side of his face near his mouth, She further declares that her family register was sold at sale and was taken with the Bible to the State of Tennessee and that her oldest child born of her marriage with John Morris was 66 years old the first day of May last.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

Before

S/ John P McKissick, Magistrate

S/ Rachel McKissick, X her mark

[p 15: Polly Mott a resident of Spartanburg district South Carolina, aged 64 years, gave testimony that she is the daughter of John and Rachel Morris since Rachel McKissick and that she has always understood her father was a soldier in the Virginia line during the revolutionary war serving under a Captain White and Captain Spencer under General Greene; that he was wounded at the battle of Guilford; that her brothers Micajah and William Morris were also in the service but entered at a later period of the war; that her brother Micajah drew her father's bounty land and that her brother Thomas went off to make inquiry about the land; that she heard her father John Morris in conversation with Nathaniel Dabbs & Frank Foster regarding their service in the Virginia line. She signed her affidavit with her mark on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1851.]

[p 21: Evidence given February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1852 in Union District South Carolina that Rachel McKissick widow of Daniel McKissick died March 1851.]

[p 21: Testimony given in Union District South Carolina by Thomas Morris that he is a grandson of Rachel McKissick widow of Daniel McKissick; that his grandmother was living with him at the time of her death which occurred the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1851. He signed his affidavit with his mark on February 11, 1852.]

[p 37: Testimony given on October 6, 1849 in Rutherford County North Carolina by Simon Davis, 88 or 90 years of age, who states that he was acquainted with John Morris shortly after the close of the revolutionary war; that John Morris married Rachel Davis about 63 or 64 years ago in Rutherford County North Carolina; that they removed to Union District South Carolina. He states what John Morris told him about his service as reflected in the widow's application.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the within is a true copy of the evidence on which (with what appears on the musterrolls) a Warrant for bounty land was issued to the Heirs of John Morris a private Soldier of the

revolutionary War, for 228 acres of land on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 No. 352 from by General Joseph H Bryan.

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1850

S/ W. Hill Secretary of State

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Raleigh North Carolina Office of Secretary of State 29<sup>th</sup> January 1850

Sir

As requested by your favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, I here with send you all the evidence in my office on which a Warrant for bounty land was issued to John Morris a private Soldier of the Continental line of this State. A Warrant issued to the Heirs of John Morris in 1785 for 640 acres of land, but the evidence on which it was obtained is not now in this office. The evidence required previous to 1798, was the Certificate of a Field Officer, and the Certificates filed a previous to 1794, were sent to Philadelphia to aid Commissioners in settling the accounts of North Carolina with the United States, and were not returned. My fees for this service amounts to \$2.

Yours respectfully

S/ W Hill

Hon. D. Wallace

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that John Morris a private Soldier in Captain Gregory's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered the service on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1777 for the term of three years, and that a land Warrant was issued to the heirs of said John Morris as having died in service.

Given under my hand this 26 day of December 1849

S/ W Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that John Morris a private Soldier in Captain Williams's Company of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 17\_\_ for the term of 2 ½ years, was did on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1778. That a land warrant was issued to his heirs on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1820.

Given under my hand this 26 day of December 1849

S/ W Hill, Secretary of State