

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Morris R6942

Elizabeth Martin (former widow) f33SC

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[The 1819 application which follows is in extremely poor condition, faint and with tears and ink blots: use the following with care]

State of Georgia County of Jasper }

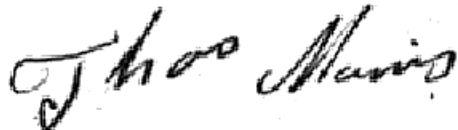
Before me John Bean one of the Justices of the peace for said County personally appeared Thomas Morris [of] the County of Jasper in the State aforesaid and being first sworn makes oath and on his oath deposes and declares, That he was enlisted by Lieutenant Robert Gaston of the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina Rangers, on or about the first day of June A.D. 1777 for 3 years. That he was for nearly two years a soldier in Captain Uriah Goodwin's company of Infantry, belonging to Thompson's [sic, William Thomson] in the 3rd Regiment of continentals. That he was by said Captain Uriah Goodwyn appointed a Sergeant and acted in that capacity for the last twelve months said Thomas Morris served in the said Captain Goodwin's Company. That said Thomas Morris was then transferred to Captain John Carraway Smith Company of Infantry in the said Regiment of Thompson's [William Thomson's]. That said Thomas Morris served in the said Captain Smith's Company as Sergeant until after the siege of Charleston SC [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. That said Thomas Morris was at said siege taken prisoner and remained captive [5 lines of text are illegible] and said Thomas Morris then joined Colonel Edward Lacey's Militia Regiment of Infantry and obtained the Commission of Lieutenant and continued in said Regiment last mentioned until the end of the Revolutionary War. Wounded in the leg at the siege of Charleston.

That in consequence of having been taken prisoner eighteen days before the term of enlistment had expired said Thomas Morris hence obtained no discharge –And that from his the said Thomas Morris reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1819

S/ Jno Bean, JP

S/ Thos. Morris



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State of Georgia of Jasper County: In person came William Kitchen before me John Bean one of the acting justices for said County and after being duly sworn saith on oath that Thomas Morris enlisted under Robert Gaston Lieutenant in South Carolina in the year of 1777 in the 3rd

Regiment and some time after the said Thomas Morris came Home on a furlough and they went to a tavern and drank spirits together and then the said Thomas Morris went back to his Company and further saith that the said Thomas Morris served as a faithful friend to his Country. Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 20th of January 1819.

S/ Wm Kitchen

State of Georgia of Jasper County: In person came Zachary Kitchen before me John Bean one of the acting Justices for said County and after being duly sworn saith on oath that Thomas Morris enlisted at his house under Robert Gaston Lieutenant in South Carolina in the year 1777 in the 3rd Regiment and some time after said Thomas Morris came Home on a furlough and they went to a tavern and drank spirits together and then the said Thomas Morris went back to his Company and some time after the said Deponent went into the Service of Melishey [sic, militia] and saw the said Thomas Morris in Camp and done his duty as a faithful friend to his Country and after he was taken away prisoner by the British the said T. Morris came home and then took up arms in the Melistey [militia] service and served the War out. Sworn to and Subscribed to before me this 20th of January 1819

S/ J. Bean, JP

S/ Zachary Kitchen

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I do hereby Certify that Thomas Morris was a Soldier 3 years, in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War, that he served faithfully therein, and was made a prisoner of war by the British Army at the reduction of the Garrison Charleston in May 1780. Two years of the above term he acted as [text missing as a result of a hole in the paper: commissioned officer.

S/ Jno. Buchanan<sup>1</sup>

Captain in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina  
in the Revolutionary War

Winnsborough of December 30th 1818

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in the Revolutionary war

<sup>1</sup> [John Buchanan BLWt271-300](#)

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District of Georgia

On the 27th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said district and County of Jasper Thomas Morris aged Sixty-four years resident in Jasper County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows (Viz.) That he enlisted for the term of 3 years on the first day of June in the year 1777 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Uriah Goodwyn of the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thomson in the line of the State of South Carolina in the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States until the 12th of May 1780 at which time he was taken prisoner by the British in Charleston for 10 months then he was discharged from service in 1781 State of South Carolina that he in the Battles of Savannah [December 29, 1778], Stono [June 20, 1779], at the Siege of Savannah [September 19-October 16, 1779], Siege of Charleston in South Carolina at which place he was wounded by a ball in his leg and that for the services above mentioned he has not received anything whatever by way of Pension.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and that I have a wife named Elizabeth who is about 64 or 5 years old entirely helpless from the palsy for 3 years back, no other family, and that I have nothing but they did, clothing and a few hogs, Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court, being a court of record, the date above.

two Hogs

\$8.00

Sworn to before me in open Court this 27th of July 1820

S/ B. Crawford, JIC

S/ Thos Morris

S/ E. W. Brown, JIC

S/ John Rivers, JIC

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Georgia Jasper County: I certify that Thomas Morris and Elizabeth Jones were duly joined in matrimony by me this 7th day of October 1822

S/ A. Ponder, JP

Recorded 27th of November 1822

S/ John C. Gibson, CC

[p 9: On October 17, 1853, in Pike County Georgia Elizabeth Martin, late Elizabeth Morris of said County of Pike and State of Georgia filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Thomas Morris; that her husband died at his residence in the County of Jasper on the 30th day of November 1826; that she married him in Jasper County on the 7th day of October 1822; that they were married by Amos Ponder, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Jones and that there is one child of the said Thomas Morris now living whose name is George J. Morris only surviving child of said deceased his daughter having departed this life and that her husband the said Thomas Morris during his lifetime was a pensioner for his services in the revolution.

She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Widow married one William Martin (date of their marriage not stated) of Pike County, Ga. The veteran is said to have had only one child living in 1853, a son, named George J Morris, his age in place of residence not stated. The veteran had a daughter, not named, who died prior to 1853.]