

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morrell R7396

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State of Illinois Fayette County: SS

On this 13th day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court the same being the County commissioners Court of the County of Fayette & State of Illinois aforesaid the Judges thereof presiding & now in session, John Morrell a resident of the County of Fayette & State of Illinois aforesaid aged seventy-four years on the 7th day of January next that is to say 1834, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States on the following named officers and served as herein stated.

This Declarant enlisted in the regular Continental Army on the 11th day of June 1775 under Captain Gibson (his Christian name not recollected) of the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall and continued in the service of the province and the United States for the period of six years and four months. After this Declarant enlisted he was in the battle of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] in the State of Virginia [sic] under the aforesaid Captain Gibson & Colonel Marshall. After this he was in an engagement with the British on the "Great Bridge" [December 9, 1775] near Elizabeth River, also under Captain Gibson & the said Colonel. At this place, this Declarant received a bayonet wound over the left eye. After this engagement the Declarant returned under the command of Captain Hamilton (his given name also having been forgotten) to York Town, the said Captain Gibson having been killed at the last mentioned battle. Colonel Marshall still continuing in the command of the Regiment to which he belonged. This Declarant continued at York Town where a constant force of Americans was kept up until the same was captured by Lord Cornwallis. This Declarant was kept at said Town a prisoner until the British forces under the command of the said Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] to the combined American & French Armies under the command [of] General Washington, when he was recaptured & consequently released.

This Declarant was removed from York Town to Richmond in the said State of Virginia where he was discharged by the commander-in-chief General Washington sometime in the month of October in the year 1781. This Declarant states that his Discharge was destroyed long since by fire, that house in which he then resided having been burned and his Discharge in it. The Lieutenant of Captain Gibson's company was Carey J. Plumer. This Declarant is not aware of any person now being alive by whom he can prove his services. The services of the said Declarant was confined altogether to the State of Virginia. He was born on the 7th of January 1759 in York Town in said State of Virginia where he was enlisted. This Declarant some years after the war moved into the State of North Carolina where he resided four years, from whence

he removed into Tennessee where he resided nearly nineteen years – from which State he removed to this State of Illinois aforesaid, where he now resides. The record of his age was entered in the "vestry book" of the Protestant Church of York Town and was destroyed along with the church by the British.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State of the United States.

This Declarant further states that the Reverend Levi Lowry & Harvey Cunningham Esquire one of the Judges of the County Court of the aforesaid County of Fayette State of Illinois have known him for nearly seventeen years and believe him to be a man of truth and that he served in the War of the Revolution as he states.

S/ John Morrell



[Levi Lowry, a clergyman, and Harvey Cunningham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Fayette County: Fayette Circuit Court October Term A.D. 1834

On this 24th day of October in the year of Lord 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable the Circuit Court within and for the County of Fayette now sitting John Morrell a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Illinois aged 76 years on the 7th day of January 1835 and not 75 years as stated in his declaration of the 13th day of December 1834 [sic 1833] who being first duly sworn makes the following amended declaration to his aforesaid declaration of the 13th of December 1833

This declarant states that he enlisted in the service of the United States on the day and year stated in his aforesaid Declaration under the command of the officers as therein stated and belonged to the Regiment as stated in said Declaration and continued in the service as therein stated. This declarant states that he thinks he was marched from York Town in 1776 to the northward, and was in the Battles of Princeton [January 3, 1777] and Trenton [December 26, 1776], in New Jersey and then in the battle of Sand Pink River [??] where they had a battle with General Cornwallis. That he was in an engagement at a place called the Mud Island as he believes in the neighborhood of Philadelphia. He states that after this he was marched back to York Town where they remained some time till they had orders to go to Elizabeth River in the neighborhood of the great bridge, where they had a battle with the British: they were commanded by Lewis and Wilson. The Americans by Marshall and General Washington and Captain Gibson was killed in this battle and his company was afterwards commanded by Captain Hamilton. The declarant states that after the aforesaid battle they were marched back to York Town where he was stationed until they were taken by the enemy and this declarant was made a prisoner by them where he was kept as a prisoner till they were all released at the general surrender of General Cornwallis to the combined Armies of the Americans & French under General Washington in 1781.

After his release he was marched to Richmond Virginia where he was stationed until he was finally discharged by Washington at the close of the war.

N. B. This declarant states that he was among the select Corps of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] when he took Stony Point from the British which place was missed stated in his former declaration to be in Virginia.

This declarant states that he was acquainted with many of the officers of the Line but that he does not recollect their names. That he was continually under the command of Colonel

Marshall unless on some extra scouts or bald enterprise.

This declarant avers that he served in the war of the Revolution more than 2 years as a private (to wit for the space of six years and four months[]) for which service he claims a pension.

As for proves he refers to his former declaration of the 13th of December last.

S/ John Morrell

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State of Tennessee Warren County – June Term County Court A.D. 1853

It is hereby certified that satisfactory proof has been exhibited in open court at the June Term of the County Court of said County (which is a Court of Record) to prove and did proved to the satisfaction of the Court that John Morrell Deceased was an applicant for Pension on account of his Revolutionary Services in the troops of the State of New York [sic] that he died in Warren County Tennessee on the 10 day of May A.D. 1846 and left no widow but the following named and only surviving children viz. – John Morrell the administrator, Ann Graham (wife of John Graham), Susan Keef (wife of Tom Keef) and Polly Monroe (wife of John Monroe) all of whom still survive that John Morrell is the administrator of said John Morrell Deceased is a resident of Warren County Tennessee and has duly qualified according to law and has given Bond in the Sum of \$1000.

^ Etc.

S/ R. M. Greger, Clk