

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Morriss (Morris) R7401 Elizabeth C. Morriss f21NC
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Declaration of Elizabeth C Morris in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7 July A.D. 1838 entitled "An act Granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows ["]
State of Tennessee Wilson County:

On this eleventh day of December 1838 personally appeared before me Benjamin Tarver an acting Justice of the Peace for the County of Wilson aforesaid and one of the Justices duly commissioned and qualified to hold the County Court of Wilson aforesaid the same being a Court of record -- Elizabeth C. Morris a resident of the said County of Wilson who is unable to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity aged Seventy-one years having been born on the 22nd of October 1767 in Halifax County North Carolina who being 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 7th 1838 Entitled "An Act Granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Edward Morris a soldier of the Revolution that he was drafted and entered the Revolutionary service in the Militia raised in Halifax North Carolina he was called a nine months tour -- he entered the service under Captain Temple [Robert Temple] they rendezvoused at Halifax Court House North Carolina and there he was placed under the command of Captain Cader Parker [Kader Parker] an officer as she is informed in the Regular Service and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong of the 4th Regiment as she believes of the North Carolina line her said husband marched to South Carolina and while there performed various services he was in the battle of Stono ferry [June 20, 1779] he was in active service for thirteen months and was discharged and returned home to Nash County North Carolina where he then resided while in South Carolina her said husband performed various services under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and perhaps General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. She further declares that she was married to the said Edward Morris on the 7th day of January 1790 in Halifax County North Carolina as both her memory and the family Register bear witness to which she referred both for her age and marriage [word obliterated by it blot] lapse of time she can only prove her marriage by long reputation -- she has been informed that no Record was kept of marriage in that early day in the State of North Carolina Mrs. Martha Brown of this County by whom she can prove the reputed marriage of her and her said husband at a very early day. Her said husband never applied for a Pension. That her husband the aforesaid Edward Morris died on the 10th day of February 1830 in Wilson County in the 74th year of his age that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January

1794 that is to say at the time specified above and that she has never married since and is still the widow of the said Edward Morriss.

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

S/ Benjamin Tarver, JP

S/ Elizabeth C. Morriss {Seal}



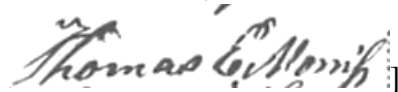
State of Tennessee Wilson County: I James Primm¹ aged eighty-three years a citizen of Wilson County do hereby certify That I was well acquainted with Edward Morriss the husband of the said Elizabeth Morriss I know that he was a soldier of the revolution we both joined the Army at the same time in the County of Warren in State of North Carolina we rendezvoused at Halifax Town said Morriss was placed under the command of Captain Cader Parker and was attached to the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong. We marched to South Carolina under the command of General Lincoln and were in the battle at Stono ferry, said Morriss and myself were in the same mess we stayed three months at Halifax there being no call for us at that time we were furloughed for 6 months but in a few days after we got home there was a call and orders were issued that those of us who would come in might do so without lapse of time said Morris and myself returned to Halifax under the command of General Eaton [Pinkethman Eaton] and we were then placed under the command of General Lincoln as above observed. Said Morriss served a thirteen months tour in all in the militia service of the North Carolina line he was a good soldier and has always sustained that character of a most excellent citizen. Witness is a revolutionary pensioner drawing \$63.33 per annum.

S/ James Primm, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace for Wilson County on the 18th day of December 1838

S/ Benjamin Tarver, JP

[p 7: Power of attorney given in Wilson County Tennessee by Thomas E. Morriss, 51, son of Edward Morris, the document being dated November 1, 1852.



[p 21: On January 7, 1839 in Wilson County Tennessee, Martha Brown, 69 , gave testimony that she knew Elizabeth Morriss the widow of Edward Morriss prior to their marriage in Halifax County North Carolina in the year 1790; that affiant was a resident of Franklin County at that time.



[Facts in file: the widow's claim was denied for failure to prove the requisite length of military service; she died July 26, 1851.]

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