

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morris R7405

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State of Mississippi Monroe County } SS

On this fifteenth day of May in the year while Lord 1828, personally appeared in open Court, it being a Circuit Court (and a court of record) of said County of Monroe as aforesaid, for the fifth Judicial district of said state, John Morris resident in said County, aged Sixty three years (come next November) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said John Morris enlisted for the term of 18 months, or during the continuance of the war, on the 21st day of August in the year 1781, in the State of North Carolina, in the Company commanded by Captain Anthony Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle, in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the line of the North Carolina Continental establishment --: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the war -- When he was discharged from the service in the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension; except the present -- That his name is not on the roll of any of state, except North Carolina --, And the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension -- That being ignorant that he could prove his services by any one in this State, and being too old and infirm to travel to the State of his nativity -- where he might make such proof - - as is required by law, he had relinquished all idea of his claim to a pension; until he was informed, that if his name should be upon the roll of the North Carolina Continental establishment, it would be sufficient without further evidence, to entitle him to a pension --And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 -- one bed and furniture, one mare & colt, 30 head of hogs, 4 head of sheep, 2 tables, 8 chairs, and farming utensils for one hand and one rifle gun --

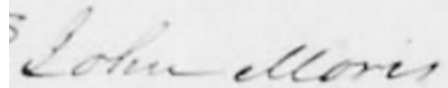
Description of property in the possession of applicant in the year 1818

Description of property	Names of persons to whom disposed	Amount of money or description of property rec'd
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		in return
7 head of horses, 50 head of cattle and 30 head of hogs	2 cows & calves sold to Robert Shotwell about the year 1822 4 horses given to my 4 married daughters -- Priscilla Ringo, Sidney Walker, Edisa Robinson, Polly Ringo -- one horse given to my son Alfred Morris -- 2 horses found killed in the woods most of the cattle have since died with the distemper -- 20 head of hogs given to my daughter Edissa Robinson, and also 5 head of cattle given to the same person --	\$12 each making \$24

Sworn to and declared in open Court this 15th day of May 1828

S/ John Moris [sic]



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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Morris a private in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10th Regiment¹ was enlisted in the year 1782 for the term of 18 months and that he Deserted on the 19th April 1783.

Given under my hand this 5th day of July 1828.

S/ Wm Hill

¹ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 4th NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_m.html and search for "Morris, John."