

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Morris R7409

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State of Indiana Randolph County

Be it remembered that on the 13th day of August A.D. 1834 then personally came before the Honorable Charles H. Test president and John Wright associate Judge of the Randolph Circuit Court into open Court the same being a Court of Record Thomas Morris aged about eighty-five years but does not know his age exactly who being first duly sworn on his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Congress by the act of June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States in the Army of the revolution and served in the manner as follows I was drafted into the Service as a private militia man in the month of March perhaps in the year 1780 in the North Carolina Militia. I then being a resident of Pasquotank County State of North Carolina my Captain's name was Owen Williams Lieutenant's name James Greaves Ensign Patrick Newton our company consisted of 32 privates we were joined at Nixon Town in said Pasquotank County in the company from Camden County in said State commanded by Colonel Samuel Jarvis of the State militia who also took the command of our company. We marched from thence to what was called Pine Tree or Camden in South Carolina where we joined the main American Army under General Horatio Gates we continued there three or perhaps four months I cannot now recollect until the Battle of Camden at Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780]. I was in the Battle and received a wound in my right leg by a bullet lodging there which was afterwards cut out by a surgeon of the Army by the name of Lewis I was also severely injured in the Battle in my back by the light horse riding over me I was carried off the ground by one Joseph Fox who belonged to the same Company with myself and when General Greene came up two days after with his Army I was placed in the hospital with the wounded and remained there some time perhaps 3 or 4 weeks until I was able for service. I continued in the Army until General Gates marched northwards and continued with the Army until we arrived at Martinsborough¹ in North Carolina where our company then consisting of only fifteen men were discharged. We all received written discharges but in crossing Tar River at Winton in North Carolina I lost mine by its getting wet and destroyed. I reached home after a month to my best recollection from the time we were discharged. To the best of my recollection I was drafted into the service on the first or second day of March 1780 and was marched five days after we were drafted and I reached home to the best of my recollection on the 22nd day of November following. I served as a private during the whole term and was only drafted for 5 months in the first place but was detained in the service the length of time above stated. I hereby

¹ Martinsborough was the name of the town now known as Greenville, North Carolina. It was originally named in honor of the Royal governor, Josiah Martin, and later renamed in honor of Nathanael Greene.

declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency of any state and I hereby
relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 12 August 183_ [sic]

S/ Thomas Morris, X his mark

S/ C. Conway, Clk

And thereupon here comes into open Court Hezekiah Cartwright who being first duly sworn says he is and has been well acquainted with the above named Thomas Morris ever since his recollection that said affiant was between seven and eight years old when said Morris was drafted and that he recollected of said Morris worn out into the Army and of his returning home again affiant continued to reside in the same neighborhood with said Morris for thirty-six years afterwards said affiant was well acquainted with other persons who were in the service at the time said Morris was in the service and has often heard said persons speak of the said Morris having been out in the service and that said Morris was always deemed an honest and universally and accounted in his neighborhood as a soldier of the revolution and true and faithful to the principles and rights of his Country Said affiant further states that his affiant's connexions [connections] were in the Army at the same time that said Morris was in the Army and that he affiant has often heard them speak of said Morris having been in the Service as above Stated. And thereupon the said Court after having heard the testimony and after the investigation of the case was of opinion that the above named Thomas Morris was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

[Attested by Charles Conway, Clerk]

[An undated note in the file indicates "Rejected did not serve 6 months see letter 22 Augt '34 to J.S. Newman."-- the letter referred to is not in the file.]