

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Morris (Morriss) R7411

Sarah Morris

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[p 2: Copy of a marriage bond license given by George Morris and Adoninon Allin on January 7, 1782, in Wilkes County North Carolina to secure the marriage of George Morris to Sarah Colston.]

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County

On this the 22nd day of July 1850, Before the County Court of Rockcastle County aforesaid personally appeared in open Court Mark Morriss a resident of said County aged 56 years on the 10th day of October next after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, granting pensions to certain soldiers on account of his Father and July the 4th 1836 granting pensions to certain widows on account of his Mother and any other acts which may provide for him; That he is a son and the administrator of George Morriss deceased who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution and of Sarah Morriss deceased wife of the said George Morris. That his father the said George Morriss as he has always been informed entered the service of the Revolution in or near Wilkes County NC towards the latter part of the war for the term (he thinks) of twelve months & served as a private in the militia service under Colonel Cleveland [presumably Benjamin Cleveland] & others, he afterwards served another tour (he thinks) of six months in the same service. That he was at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] & others not recollected.

That his Father the said George Morriss was married to his said Mother Sarah Colston on the 8th day of January 1782 that his mother's name before her marriage was Sarah Colston, that they lived & cohabited together as man and wife from his earliest recollection up to their separation by death.

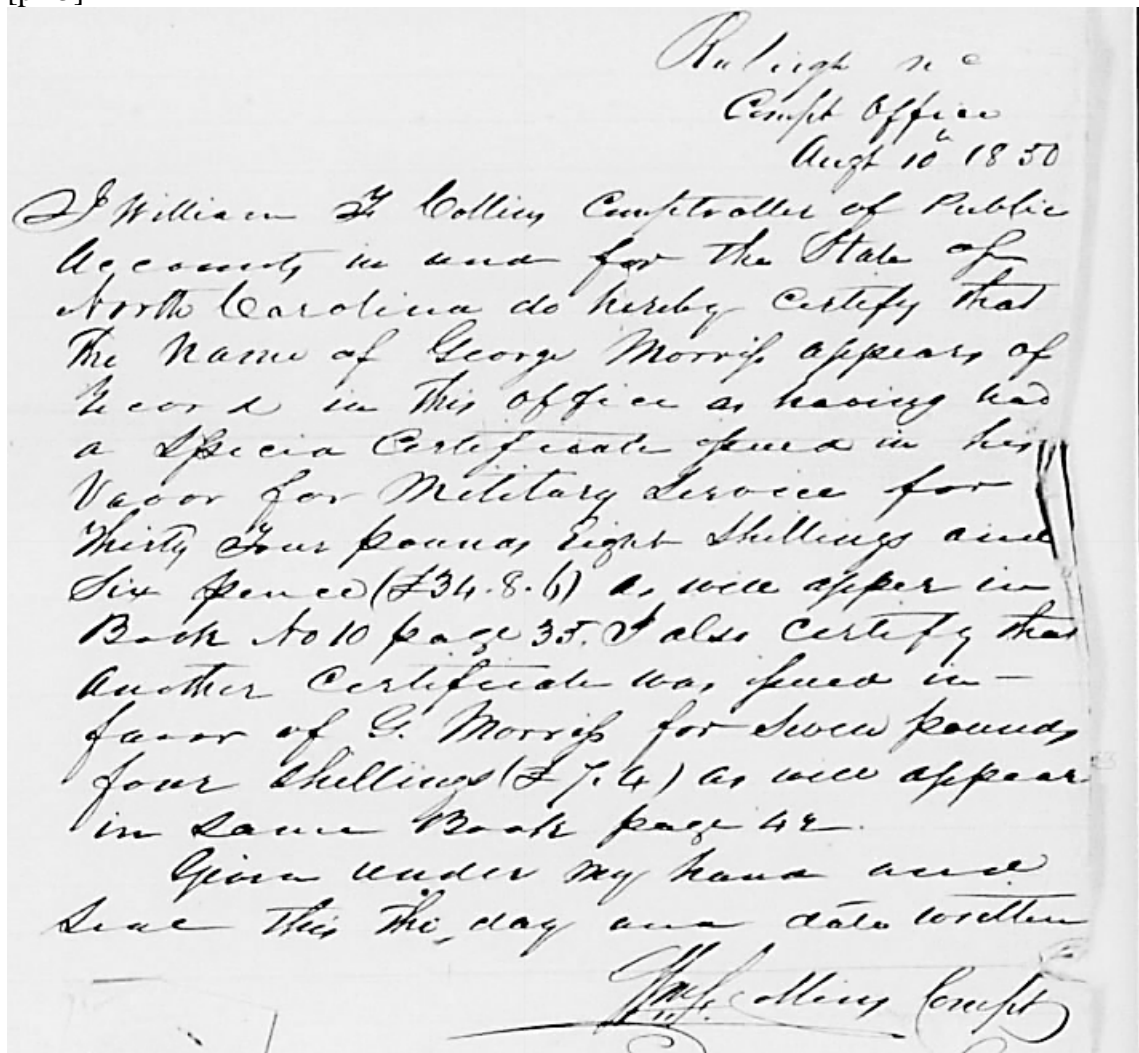
That his said Father died in Clay County Kentucky on the 25th day of February in the year 1836. That his said Mother died in the said County of Clay on the 10th day of June in the year 1846. That they never drew a pension in their lifetime and their heirs hath never before made any application, not being informed until now that the heirs of those who had not applied and established their claims in their lifetime were entitled to draw, that his said Father often told of trying to draw a pension but being advised by E. Smith a lawyer of Rockcastle County Kentucky who attended to all his business, that there was no Act which provided for him he never made any application, that his mother never was married after the death of her said husband but remained his widow until her death as aforesaid that she after the death of her

husband the said George Morriss employed the said E. Smith to prepare her papers for the purpose of obtaining a pension but from some cause he never fixed them up from negligence he thinks as he was naturally a very negligent man, that their only children now living are this declarant aged 56 on the 10th day of October next as aforesaid Nancy Hunt aged 50 years Abraham Morriss aged 60 years, James Morriss aged 67 years, Sucky Runnion age 65, Sarah Davidson aged 54 years all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed and accompanying this application.

S/ M. Morriss



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Raleigh N.C.  
Compt Office  
Aug 10 1850

I William H. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of George Morriss appears of record in this office as having had a Special Certificate issued in his favor for military service for thirty four pounds eight shillings and six pence (£34.8.6) as well as appear in Book No 10 page 35. I also certify that another Certificate was issued in favor of G. Morriss for seven pounds four shillings (£7.4) as well as appear in same Book page 42.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day and date written

Wm H. Collins (Compt)

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County

On this the 24th day of June in the year 1853 before me Alfred Mullins the undersigned a

Justice of the peace within and for the County above named personally appeared Elijah Denny<sup>1</sup> A.D. revolutionary pensioner of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in addition to his affidavit now on file in the application of the heirs of Georgia and Sarah Morris deceased of Kentucky under act of 1832 & 1836.

That the Statements made by him in his said affidavit was made from his own personal knowledge that he knows the said Morris was a soldier in the revolution from Wilkes County NC & served upwards of 18 months in the Militia part of the time under Captain Joseph Lewis & part under Colonel Cleveland and others not recollected that there was two Captain Lewises 1 belonged to the State line & the other to the Militia of NC, that he served the most of his time in the State line & Morris in the militia but was frequently in the same vicinity.

S/ Elijah Denny, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Clay County

On this the 11th day of Jay [sic] 1853 Before me J H McWhorten a Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid; Personally appeared David Bengé<sup>2</sup> a revolutionary pensioner of said County aged 93 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit to be read as evidence in support of the claims of the heirs of George and Sarah Morriss deceased by their son & administrator Mark Morriss of Rockcastle County Kentucky now on file in the pension office under act of July the 4th 1836 & June the 7th 1832.

That he was personally acquainted with George Morriss previous to, during and after the war of the revolution, that he was a soldier in said war and served in the militia as a private different tours amounting (as near as he can recollect) to the 18 months, that he entered the service in Wilkes County North Carolina on the \_\_\_ day of August 1780, and served as a private in a militia Company commanded by Captain Lewis [Joel Lewis] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland and others until the \_\_\_ day of November 1781, that in Jay [sic] following he was married to Sarah Colston, that within about 2 weeks afterwards he entered the service again in the said County of Wilkes and was held in the service as a private of militia under Colonel Cleveland until the final close of the war. That after the close of the war him and the said Morriss moved to the State of Kentucky that the said Morriss died in Clay County Kentucky on the 25th day of February 1836 -- that his widow the said Sarah Morris died in said County on the 10th day of June 1846 -- that Mark Morriss of the County of Rockcastle State of Kentucky who has an application now on file as aforesaid is the son of the said George & Sarah Morriss deceased.

S/ David Bengé, X his mark

[p 29: On January 1, 1857, in Clay County, Ky., Sarah Davidson, 54, daughter of the veteran and his widow filed a supporting affidavit in which she states that her parents were married in Wilkes County North Carolina in 1780 or 1781; that she was born in Buncombe County North Carolina in June 1796; that her father always said that he served some 2 or 3 tours in the revolution in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Elijah Denney \(Denny\) S2513](#)

<sup>2</sup> [David Bengé S38530](#)

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County

On this the 2nd day of February 1853 Before me Alford Mullins a Justice of the peace within and for said County, Personally appeared Elijah Denny aged 89 years a Revolutionary pensioner of said County after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement in relation to the application of Mark Morriss of said County for a pension in right of his Father & Mother, Georgia & Sarah Morriss deceased under Act of June the 7th 1832 & July the 4th 1836 now on file in the pension office bearing date July the 22nd 1850.

That he knew the said George Morriss in the State of North Carolina in the time of the revolution that he was a citizen of Wilkes County that he was a soldier in the revolution that he entered the service in said County about the 1st of September in the year 1780 for 12 months & served under Captain \_\_\_ Lewis and Colonel Cleveland and was with him at the battle with the Tories on King Mountain [sic, Kings Mountain]<sup>3</sup> that he was mustered out of the service in the fall of the year 1781. That he again entered the service of said war in the Spring following and served a short tour under Cleveland the particulars of which he is now not prepared to state.

S/ Elijah Denny, X his mark

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<sup>3</sup> Elijah Denny did not claim in his own application for a pension that he, Denny, was at the Battle of Kings Mountain. He says he was captured at the surrender of Charleston in May 1780, paroled and did not enter the service again until about 12 month after his parole—which would date his re-entry into the service sometime in the spring of 1781, long after the Battle of Kings Mountain. Denny made his application in 1832 when he states he was 70 years old.