

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Morrison R7430

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The State of Alabama Dallas County, SS,

On this eighteenth day of December A.D. 1834 personally appeared before me George R. Evans Judge of the County Court of Dallas County aforesaid William Morrison, a resident of the County & State above mentioned, aged sixty-nine years 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 7 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the officers hereinafter named, & served as herein stated:

In answer to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War department & now put by the court the said William Morrison answers to the first

I, William Morrison, was born on the 25th of March A.D. 1765, in McLenburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] County, North Carolina, which County was subsequently divided, & the place of my birth is now in the County of Cabarrus North Carolina

To the 2nd interrogatory he answers:

I have a record of my age in an old Bible of mine, which was made by myself, shortly after I was married, from an entry in a Bible of my Father & I was informed, by him, that the entry in his Bible was correct. What has become of the Bible in which that original entry was, I do not know.

To the 3rd he answers:

When I entered into service I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. From that time I continued to reside in that County, till by its division, I was thrown into Cabarrus County, where I resided until the year 1816, when I removed to the State of Alabama, residing the first year near Fort Jackson, since when I have resided in Dallas County Alabama.

To the 4th he answers:

I went into service as a volunteer, in my 15th year, I never was drafted & never went as a substitute.

To the 5th he answers:

In the principle tour of duty as to its length, for which I served, & which was in my sixteenth year, I entered the service of the United States & marched under Captain Lampkins [Ewell Lampkin], of Rutherford County North Carolina. The news had reached our part of the Country that General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] wished reinforcements to attack the British in the lower part of South Carolina, & I, on this news, volunteered & started to join him; but before we could reach him, the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] had been fought, so we joined the Army commanded by General Greene at the High Hills of Santee, when

there I with those I accompanied, were more immediately under the command of a Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne], if I am right in spelling his name, he was a foreigner &, I think, a Frenchman. I remained attached to the Army at the High Hills, until, with others, I was sent, as a guard to take some prisoners into North Carolina, they were taken by us into Roan [sic, Rowan] or Iredell County, but which I am not now certain. Besides General Greene, I recollect at the High Hills, a Major Armstrong, who I think was of the Virginia line. The Maryland, Virginia & North Carolina lines were at the High hills at that time, according to my recollection. About the time we arrived with the prisoners, referred to above, at their destination, the term of service for which we had volunteered which was three months, had expired, & I, with those with me, returned to our homes. In the tour above detailed, I served as a soldier for the period of three months. I was under the command of General Greene at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis, at Little York, & met the news of that event as we passed up with the prisoners, above spoken of.

I recollect of no other incidents during this tour, a reference to which would be material.

In the year previous, that is, in my fifteenth year, at the time that Cornwallis was at Charlotte, Mecklenburg, North Carolina, I volunteered, went on duty & joined a Major White at Fifer's [sic, Phifer's] old field on the road from Charlotte to Salisbury. We moved about collecting strength, with a view of preventing the British from foraging & plundering, & when we obtained more numbers, moved nearer to Charlotte, continuing to patrol the country. During this tour I was some part of the time under the command of Captain James Reese, sometimes under that of Colonel Fifer [Caleb Phifer] & sometimes of Major Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. We were no part of this time with any regular troops or officers. I went on duty, this tour, at the time Cornwallis came to Charlotte & remained out until he left Charlotte; when this was ascertained we broke up & went home.

After this I was under the command of Captain Wiley [Oliver Wiley], of Mecklenburg County, as a minute man, our object was to endeavor to keep the Tories in subjection. Whenever there was a call, I went out on this duty. And this embraces all my services during the Revolution, from the time I first went out in my fifteenth year, until the three months tour first mentioned when I joined the Army of General Greene at the High Hills, as stated. The period has been such that I cannot with confidence give dates more particularly, then I have by referring to my age when I went out, & the incidents of the tour, with the location of the armies -- these compared with the histories of the times will, no doubt, enable the particular dates to be fixed, so as to determine if I have erred materially. I well recollect serving three months as a volunteer in my sixteenth year & when General Greene was in South Carolina & having during this time joined his Army at the High Hills of Santee. As to my other periods of service, they were as irregular that I cannot undertake, with satisfaction to myself, to fix the dates or length of particular pieces of service.

To the 6th he answers:

I left the Army at the High Hills under the command of Lieutenant Ross of Mecklenburg, our Captain remaining behind. When I arrived with the prisoners, & our terms had expired, Lieutenant Ross gave me a paper, which I believe, from my now recollection, was a certificate of the time I had served. This paper I afterwards, and after the passage of a law by Congress, in relation to the compensation of the soldiers of the Revolution, sold and transferred to an agent of a Mr. Steele who had been a member of Congress from North Carolina at the passage of said law. It was transferred before I had learned of the passage of the law & was sold for about one half its value. I have never since had possession of that paper & do not know what has become of it. I

have no documentary evidence to testify of my service; never having received any but the paper above referred to. I know of no person alive & whose testimony I can procure, to testify to my services. But Mr George Reese,¹ who resided not long since near Pendleton in South Carolina, & of whose death I have not heard & presume he is yet alive, served with me in the 3 months tour, I have not spoken of, when we joined General Greene; Mr Reese & I were in a mess together.

To the 7th he answers

I am known to the Honorable William R. King, Honorable John Murphy, Reverend Thomas Alexander, Doctor George Phillips, Reverend Robert Porter, Joseph Pickens & Ezekiel Pickens, who can speak of my veracity & some of them as to a belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

And I William Morrison do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

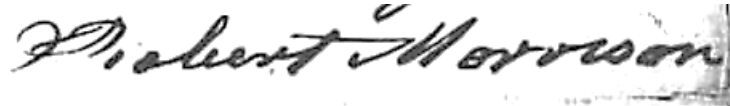
S/ William Morrison

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[Thomas Alexander, a clergyman, Robert Morrison & Washington Orr gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

Robert Morrison further certifies that he is the brother of William Morrison & he is 60 years of age; that said William was reputed & believed in North Carolina, in the neighborhood he there resided, to have been a soldier of the Revolution; that he has heard his father & said William speaking of the Revolution, & of the fact of service by said William during the Revolution.

S/ Robert Morrison

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¹ [George Reese W8548](#)