

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Norris R7697

Elizabeth

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

On this 26 day of October 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County aforesaid Elizabeth Norris a resident of Albemarle County in State of Virginia aged eighty years, who being first 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 4, 1836;

That she is the widow of William Norris, who was a Soldier in the revolutionary War and Served Several tours of duty in the Virginia Militia, in the first tour of duty he was drafted in the County of Albemarle, in the latter part of the year 1778 or the beginning of the year 1779 (she well recollects that he was drafted in twenty-five days after their marriage) in the first tour of duty, She believes he served for the term of ~~three~~ months and he was stationed at Albemarle barracks to guard the prisoners. She does not now recollect the name of any of the Officers under whom he served in this first tour of duty; She further declares that her husband the aforesaid William Norris was again drafted for a three months tour of duty in the spring of 1779 on this second tour of duty he left home in the latter part of April or first of May; and did not return home until the last day of July, That she has often heard her husband state, that in the second tour of duty that he marched from the County of Albemarle through various places in Virginia, to wit Fredericksburg, Richmond and Williamsburg. She further declares that she does well know that her husband the aforesaid William Norris did serve two or three more tours of duty as a Soldier in the revolutionary war but she cannot now (in consequence of old age and the loss of her memory) state the particulars, but she has a perfect and distinct recollection of his having served out a tour of duty and returned a few days before the Siege at York Town. She therefore must refer to the evidence that will accompany her declaration to prove the Services of [her] husband as a soldier in the revolutionary war as aforesaid; and she further declares that she was married to the said William Norris on the first day of December 1778: that her husband the said William Norris died on the \_\_\_ day of October 1819 and that she has remained his widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, She has no recorded evidence of her marriage and she does not know if any can now be found.

S/ Elizabeth Norris, X her mark

State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

On this 26 day of October 1842 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Thomas Norris and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Norris, the late husband of Elizabeth Norris, and that the said William Norris died on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819 and that the said Elizabeth Norris has never

intermarried but still continues his widow.

S/ Thomas Norris

A black and white image of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Thomas C. Norris". The signature is written on a textured, possibly paper-like background.

[f p. 6: On October 22, 1842 in Albemarle County, Margaret Jamieson, 90, gave an affidavit in support of the widow's application basically restating the same services as stated by the widow. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Micajah Bowen<sup>1</sup> aged eighty-nine years and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Norris and he does well know that said William Norris was drafted and served a tour of two months duty in the revolutionary war; in this tour of duty he marched from the County of Albemarle under the command of Captain Burke in the month of February 1781 and marched down through Richmond Williamsburg Yorktown to Hampton, and was stationed at Hampton three weeks; and was marched back to Yorktown and thence to Richmond and was discharged at Richmond having served out the two months tour of duty. Affiant further states that in the above named tour of duty he served with and belonged to the same Company with the said William Norris and they were under the command of Colonel Lindsey & said William Norris served as a soldier.

S/ Micajah Bowen, X his mark

This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1783 in the name of William Norris as Sol. Inf. and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £36.0.0, delivered to John Key but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1854.

S/ E. L. Hewitt  
Actg. Auditor

[No Seal of Office]

State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1842 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Maupin<sup>2</sup> aged eighty-two years, and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Norris and he does know that said William Norris was drafted and served several tours of duty as a soldier in the revolutionary war, and he

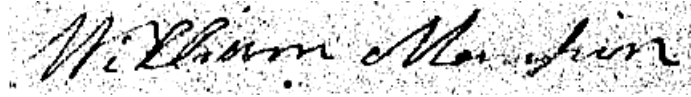
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<sup>1</sup> [Micajah Bowen S29643](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Maupin S13851](#)

does know that they served together in several of the tours, but he cannot now recollect the names of the captains, under whom he served but he well recollects that he served one tour of duty in the neighborhood of Williamsburg & Yorktown under the command of Captain John Harris, affiant is very certain that the said William Norris served at least four different tours of duty in the revolutionary war (he believes of two months each) as they served together in several tours and he believes he served a tour at the barracks to guard the prisoners; affiant further states that the said William Norris has been dead several years and Elizabeth Norris his widow has never intermarried but still continues his widow.

S/ William Maupin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Maupin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[pp 2-3: family register:

Jane Norris Daughter to William and Elizabeth a Norris was born December ye 27<sup>th</sup> Day in the year 1779

Elizabeth Norris was born the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of December in the year 1781

Thomas Norris Son to William and Elizabeth Norris Was Born Aprile the 26 1784

John Norris Was Born the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November in the Year 1786

Caleb Norris Was Born the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1788

William Norris Junior born this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1791

[illegible entry (MIGHT be "Sarah") indicating that a child was born in 1793]

Mildred Norris was born the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year 1796

Samuel Norris was born the 1 day of July in the year 1798

Garland Norris was born the 4 day of Aprile in the year 1801] and who