

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Norris R7704

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State of Ohio, Brown County SS

On this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared before H. B. Payne Esq. an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Brown and State of Ohio Richard Norris aged seventy-five years a resident of said County of Brown and upon his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That during the War of the American revolution he served in the Army and war of the revolution as herein stated. That in the year 1780 in the month of March of that year he volunteered in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina to serve as a mounted Ranger on the frontiers against the Indians and Tories many of whom were at that time on the frontiers of North Carolina his officers were Colonel John Sevier, Major Tipton [Jonathan Tipton], Captain Joseph Guess, Lieutenant Kirkendoll [probably Simon Kuykendall of Washington County NC] they had no higher officer then a Colonel he was marched under the above named officers against the Cherokee Indians and their towns on the Tennessee River the whole period of deponent's tour was six months he was engaged the whole time in guarding and ranging the frontiers – he was engaged in a battle with the Indians at what was then called “French Broad” [River] in which the Americans were killed 19 Indians and two white men¹ – he was engaged in frequent skirmishes with the Indians but never had what would be called a general pitched battle. Having served six months as above stated he received a written discharge from Captain Guess at a small town called Washington – the discharge is lost long since.

In the summer of the year 1781 Deponent states that he served four small tours of a week each tour as a spy and guard against the Indians Captain Guess was the only officer they had in these little tours and for these tours deponent received no discharge. The whole term of deponent's service during the war was seven months – he always served as a volunteer ranger and spy on the frontiers of North Carolina against the Indians and whites who lived among the Indians. He was never with any of the regular troops nor did he know but few of the officers of the regular Army he recollects General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] with whom he had some acquaintance – he also knew General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] – but was never under any of the regular officers or connected with the regular troops – he was living in Wilkes County North Carolina when he volunteered – he never received but one written discharge which is lost. Deponent states that he has no record of his age – he states that he was born in Harford County Maryland in the month of February 1760 after the War of the revolution Deponent lived in the states of Maryland and Kentucky, until he came to the State of Ohio Brown County where he now resides and has resided for the last 18 years. He knows of no witness living by whom he

¹ I think it likely the veteran is referring to the engagement at Boyd's Creek, December 16, 1780. See, <http://www.tngenweb.org/revwar/boyds creek.html>

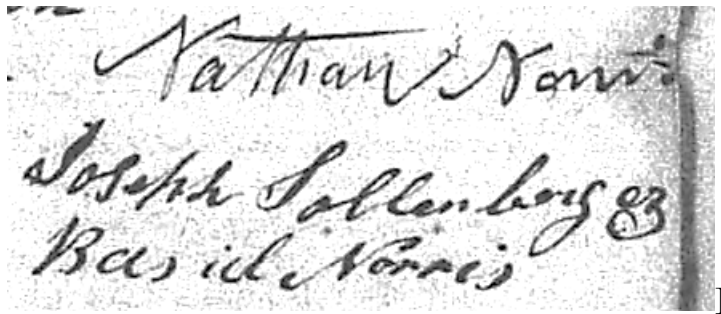
can prove his services but states that he is well known to Joseph Solenberger, Bazil Norris, Nathan Norris, Samuel Ellis, William Lyons and others who reside in his neighborhood and by whom he can prove his good character for truth and veracity and his reputation in his neighborhood as having been in the revolutionary War. There is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood to testify for him. Deponent states that by reason of bodily affliction it is out of his power to appear in open Court to make this declaration. He never received a pension or annuity. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ H. B. Payne, Associate Judge

S/ Richard Norris, X his mark

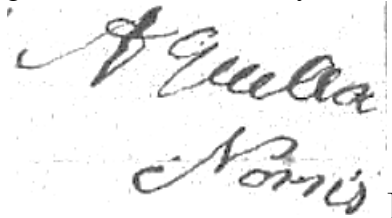
[Joseph Solenberger, Bazil Norris [signed Basil Norris] and Nathan Norris gave the standard supporting affidavit. The relationship, if any, between any of the witnesses and the veteran is not stated.



Nathan Norris
Joseph Solenberger
Basil Norris

[pp 6-7: Abraham F. Ellis, a neighbor of Richard Norris, gave an affidavit that he knew you Norris who died in the year 1837 or 1838; that he knew Norris's wife (not named) who died in 1822; and that he knew the children of Richard Morris and his wife to be Gabriel Norris, Gilbert Norris, Hannah Norris, Elizabeth Norris, Gibson Norris, Ellen Norris; that Elizabeth Norris intermarried with Robinson Morford and died subsequent to her intermarriage about the year 1827 or 1828 leaving one child only named Elizabeth Morford.

Aquilla Norris, 65, of Brown County Ohio also gave an affidavit that he knew Richard Norris who died in March 1837 about the middle of the month to the best of his recollection; that Richard Norris and his wife Elizabeth were living together as man and wife for as long as deponent can remember; that Elizabeth Norris died in 1822; and he names the same children and grandchild as named by Abraham Ellis. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.



Aquilla
Norris

[p 18: Certificate of the North Carolina Comptroller of Public Accounts showing payments made to a Richard Norris for military service in the Revolutionary war as follows:

State of North Carolina
Comptroller's Office

I Geo. W. Brooks Comptroller of the Public
Accounts in and for the State aforesaid
do hereby certify that it appears of record
in my office among the Payments made
by said State to Sundry persons for military
service in the Revolutionary War as follows

Wm. Richard Norris

Book 24 page 51 £ 6 " "

" 26 " 8 £ 2 19 96

Indent No 11. Killbuck District £ 18. 112. which
indent originally showed the his County
and Captain but is illegible now

In testimony whereof I hereunto

Subscribed my name and office

The Seal of my Office, in Raleigh

on the 3^d day of Febr 1855

Geo. W. Brooks Compt.

Fee \$5 paid by A. Ellis on the
1st of Febr
for G. W. Brooks