

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Morris S13965

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The State of Alabama. County: Circuit Court Fall Term 1832

On this 24th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Plotemey T Hanna [?] Judge of the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Isaac Morris a resident of the County of Perry and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years & four months 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. (Viz.)

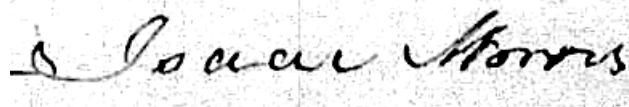
In or about the year 1775 in Hanover County and State of Virginia I joined a volunteer company commanded by Captain Robert Dabney. The subaltern officers not recollected. We were marched towards Williamsburg our object being to aid in dislodging the British Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore] from Gwyns island [Gwynn Island, July 8, 1776]. That being accomplished before our arrival we returned home. This was before I was sixteen or liable to military duty. My Father shortly removing to Louisa County & I becoming of age I was drafted & ordered out in the service of the United States in a company under command of Captain James Watson – Lieutenant Henry Johnson & Forrister Green [Forester Green?] the Ensign. I myself the first Sergeant – my Colonel's were Theodorick Bland as I think & Colonel Barbour. We were now marched to the Barracks near Charlottesville in Albemarle County. From the Barracks – myself another Sergeant & Ensign Green with thirty-two men were sent to Charlottesville where I performed some most laborious services (viz.) as guards of the British & German prisoners taken under Burgoyne at Saratoga also of Colonel Bland's quadrant of our magazine – The British storehouse was also under our charge, this was however a short tour – being discharged & allowed to return home in the course of a month. It was common for captains of companies to [indecipherable word] a general discharge for their companies.

Just after Arnold [Benedict Arnold] turned traitor [September 1779] & with a command under how invaded Virginia & while off the Capes I was again drafted & detached to a militia company under the command of Captain Robert Mosby. I held the office of first Sergeant, the other subalterns I cannot distinctly recollect my Company was thrown into a broken Regiment of Regulars to supply the deficiency. This Regiment was commanded by Major Alexander McGill – this and another Regiment of regulars commanded by Major Decluman [sic: Christian Charles De Klauman [Charles Deklaman R13678](#)] a Frenchman acted as infantry to a Virginia park [sic] of Artillery the whole was commanded by Colonel Harrison at the time Arnold was to land we were marched about the distance of 150 miles into the neighborhood of Norfolk – he failing to land we returned home – I believe just before Christmas in 1779 – Arnold having sailed up James River & plundered Richmond burnt the tobacco warehouses &c [Arnold occupied Richard January 5-7,

1781] we were ordered to that place at this time I was thrown into another company commanded by Captain Benjamin Timberlake I still had the office I was usual [sic] appointed to of first Sergeant. In a short time we returned home, again volunteered and joined the Army at Auburn hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond – I here received the office of Sergeant Major & part of the time also performed the [paper damaged, text illegible] adjutant to the Regiment: our Regiment was under the command of Colonel Dabney [Charles Dabney] – General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] & General Lafayette – the commander in chief of Virginia forces. This was about the time Cornwallis invaded that state [Cornwallis entered Virginia May 20, 1781 from North Carolina]. To the best of my recollection I volunteered on the 14th of April or May and left the Army the ___ [last] of August or first of September. I have no documentary evidence of my services – I know of no person whose evidence I can procure although there may be some living witnesses. [Text written over and over the rate it] [I hereby relinquish] every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Isaac Morris

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Morris". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some overlapping letters.

[James Meek, a clergyman, and Sebourne Aycock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

To the first Interrogatory prescribed by the war Department the affiant answers I was born in the year 1760 in Hanover County & State of Virginia.

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? I have a record of my age at home in my family Bible as set down by my Father.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live? I lived in Hanover County when first called out at every time afterwards in Louisa County of Virginia – from that place about the age of 40 I moved to Roane County East Tennessee – From East Tennessee down to Perry County in the State of Alabama where I have lived ever since.

4. How were you called into service: were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Answer at about the age of 15 I volunteered once – then drafted at 3 several times as a noncommissioned officer – then again as stated in my Declaration volunteered under General Lafayette.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – Regular officers – Major Alexander McGill & Decluman & General Lafayette. I am unable to recollect the number of the regiments commanded by Colonel Dabney & Colonel Campbell as to the circumstance my service I can only refer you to my Declaration.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

I never received any discharge that I recollect of as it was usual for the Captain to receive a discharge for the whole company.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the

revolution. Answer – I referred the Department to Mr. Seabour Aycock Sheriff of the her he County Alabama Major William S Miree & indeed to the whole neighborhood in which I live – Mr. Obadiah Lovelady &c.

S/ Isaac Morris

Supplemental Affidavit of Isaac Morris for a pension viz.

Personally appeared before me Willis Nall the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County of. & State of Alabama Isaac Morris who being duly sworn deposeth and says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades – for eight months in all as first or orderly Sergeant – I also acted a short time say between one and two months as Sergeant Major under General Lafayette in 1781 – my services were rendered at different periods from the beginning of the revolution up to 81. I served in 1779 & 80 also repeatedly before for which I referred the Department to my foregoing declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 23rd August A.D. 1833

S/ W. Nall, JP

S/ Isaac Morris

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 8 months in the Virginia service.]