

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Voris S14772

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State of Kentucky Mercer County viz.: On this 14th day of March in the year 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice and Judge of the County Court of Mercer County John Voris a resident citizen of Pleasant Hill in the said County of Mercer and State aforesaid aged seventy-four years and unable on account of his infirmities to attend in court 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 the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. I John Vincent being of the denomination of people called Believers or Shakers do hereby solemnly affirm That I was born in the County of Middlesex near New Brunswick in the State of New Jersey, and when very young I moved with my father to York County Pennsylvania and about 12 or 13 years of age we moved to Barkley [Berkeley] County State of Virginia where I resided when I was called into the service of my country in the revolutionary war as follows viz. In the fall 1777 (September) I was drafted in a militia company commanded by Captain Charles Morrow and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Pendleton on a tour of three months, we rendezvoused at Shepherdstown, and marched to a place about ten miles from Germantown where we arrived shortly after the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and we joined the American Army and lay at White Mash [White Marsh] where my company and Regiment was attached to General Potter's [?] Brigade and at the end of our time we were honorably discharged and returned home.

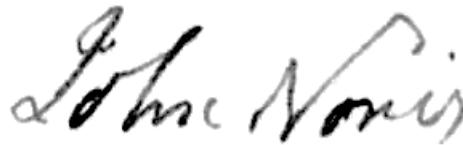
Again in the spring of the year 1778 (I believe about the 1st of May) I volunteered as a private soldier in Captain Little's Company in the Regiment commanded by Major Morgan afterwards Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan?] on a tour of three months, we rendezvoused at Martinsburg, and marched to Fort Pitt and from there down the Ohio River to Hollidays cove [Holiday's Cove] on the Ohio where we were stationed as a guard to the Frontiers and continued at that point making scalps until the end of my time when I was honorably discharged and again in the year 1780 (in the month of March) I removed to the State of Kentucky and settled on Beargrass near Louisville on the falls of Ohio, and in the latter part of the summer of the year I volunteered in Captain Hardy Hill's company under Colonel G R Clark [George Rogers Clark] and we crossed the Ohio at the mouth of Licking and marched against old Chillicothe on the Little Miami and from there to Piqua on Maddle River [sic, Mad River, a tributary of the Great Miami River?] where we had a battle with the Indians. This was a three months tour & I faithfully served my term out and returned home –

Again in the fall of the year 1782 I volunteered in Captain Richard Chenowith's [Richard Chenoweth's] company under Colonel G. R. Clark or General Clark and Colonel Floyd we again crossed the Ohio at the mouth of Licking and up to Piqua or New Chillicothe on the Big Miami where we had a battle with the Indians and destroyed several of their towns. This was also a tour

of 3 months. I faithfully perform my duty and was honorably discharged, and in answer to the several interrogatories put to me by direction of the war Department, I have already answered the first, and the second I say I have no record of my age only as informed by my parents, as to the third, I answer that I lived in Virginia when I was first called into the service of my country and moved to Kentucky during the war where I have lived ever since and for the last twenty-two years in the County of Mercer in said State and to the fourth question – I was drafted once and volunteered the other tours already stated. I also in the summer 1781 I was drafted for one month as an Indian spy under Captain Martin [?] and was stationed at Lees [?] town² below Frankfurt and as soon as I returned I volunteered another tour of one month more under Captain Hugh McGary as an Indian spy and was again stationed at Lees town and served out my time and again in the summer 1782 I volunteered for two months (a month each tour) and marched to the Fort at the falls [of the Ohio River] and I served the first month with Chenoweth and the second under Captain McGary who marched the company to the place and Captain Boyle commanded me while there during this tour, the last tour named with General Clark in 1780, 1781 & 1782 and the tours at Lees town and the falls were special calls of duty but living on the immediate Frontiers during the above years I was called almost continually as an Indian spy for three years on scouts and on guard for short periods at a time too numerous to recollect or specify on account of my age as there were seldom a week at a time that I was not called out on scouting parties or in pursuit of marauding Indians. That I solemnly affirm that I was out at least 7 or 8 months more than I have specifically stated as an Indian spy – I received discharges from my several tours of service but have long since lost them and I entered the service as I have stated and I never held any commission but was first Sergeant of my company (Captain Chenoweth's) on the campaign with General Clark in 1782. I have no documentary evidence of my age or services, and when the war first commenced I lived in Berkeley County Virginia as I have stated, and in the month of March 1780 I removed to Kentucky where I have lived ever since and for the last 22 years in the County of Mercer. I further state that I can prove my services (or the greater part) I believe I Peter Voris and Francis Voris I further state that I am not now a Pensioner of the United States or of any State and I hereby relinquish all claim which I may have to any other pension or annuity except the present.

Witness my hand this 14th day of March 1833

S/ John Voris



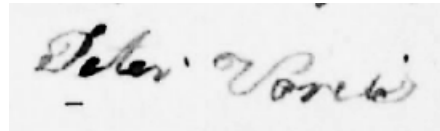
Mercer County viz. I Peter Voris a resident citizen of Pleasant Hill in said do hereby solemnly affirm that I am the reputed Brother of the above John Voris who has signed and made affirmation to the above declaration, and I have known him ever since I have known myself, and I well recollect that in the fall 1777 he was drafted and went on a tour of three months from Berkeley County Virginia and marched toward Philadelphia, and the next spring he volunteered

¹ Capt Chenoweth

² Lees town

on another tour of three months and went out to Pittsburgh and down the Ohio above Wheeling – and in March 1780 I moved to Kentucky and we lived together as my mother on Beargrass near the falls of Ohio, and I have examined his statements and declaration and I know that he performed all the services he has stated and that he was or almost continual duty as an Indian spy on scouts and relieving stations which were attacked, and pursuing Indians during the years 1780, 1781 and 1782, as I lived with my Brother John and mother but was too young to go out myself but my recollection of all the circumstances and facts as stated are clear and distinct. Witness my hand this 14th day of March 1833

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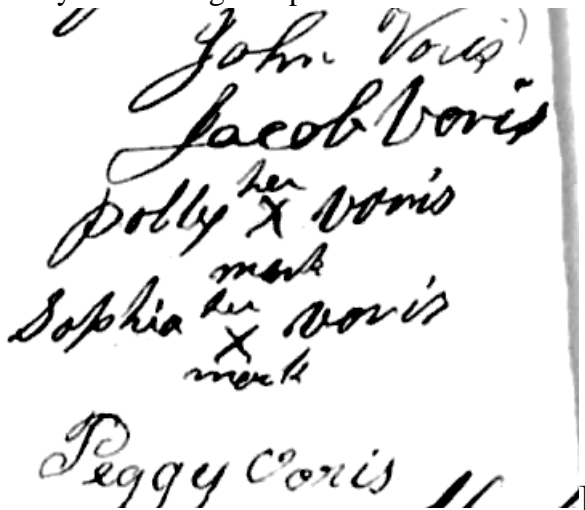


[Tobias Wilhite and Samuel Harris gave supporting affidavits as to the character and reputation of the claimant.]

[Samuel Turner, a clergyman, Micajah Burnett and Emley Runyon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 13: On April 12, 1853, in Mercer County Kentucky, John Voris, Jacob Voris, Polly Voris, Sophia Voris & Peggy Voris, children of John Voris, a revolutionary war pensioner who according to their statement died October 18, 1845 and whose wife [named in another document Rachel Voris, mother of the above named children] died after him on November 2, 1846, filed a power of attorney.]

[f p 14: On April 12, 1853 in Mercer County Kentucky, the above named children affirmed as Shakers that they are the children of the veteran, a revolutionary war pensioner who died October 18, 1845 and whose widow, Rachel, died November 2, 1846; that their parents were married about the year 1785 at Wells Station now in Shelby County Kentucky; that their mother's name prior to her marriage was Rachel Monfort; that their mother never filed for the pension due her and they are seeking that pension under the 1836 act.]



John Voris
Jacob Voris
Polly ^{her} X Voris
Sophia ^{her} X Voris
Peggy Voris

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$81.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 20 months service as a private and 3 months service as a Sergeant in the Virginia militia.]