

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Morriss (Morris) S2864

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State of Tennessee Sumner County} August Sessions of the County Court for the County of
Sumner

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Sumner County now sitting William Morris a resident of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee aged 71 years the 19th day of Mays 1832, 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.

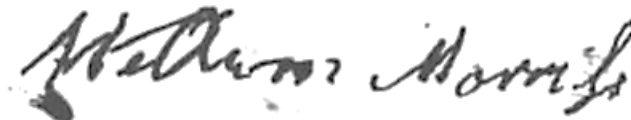
He was born in the State of North Carolina

He first entered the service of the United States under Captain John Williams about the year 1780 and marched to the State of South Carolina and was on duty in that state for the term of three months and then returned to the state of North Carolina and was engaged in service against the Tories that then [indecipherable word] that whole country. He was under some part of this tour to South Carolina Captain John Jones Captain Williams having been attached to guard the sick on their return to North Carolina. He was under the command of Colonel Benjamin Sewell part of this tour General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] was with the troops -- on his return to North Carolina -- after being engaged in various scrimmages he was discharged at Salisbury -- his discharge was destroyed while traveling to this state, the Carriage in which he was traveling containing all that he had was immersed in water and remained for some considerable length [of] time, which destroyed all his papers some short time after he was discharged at Salisbury he entered the service again under Captain Jack Jones, but did not remain long in his command but for he was ordered to work at the shop of Colonel Nicholas Long, who was engaged in making wagons, stocking, guns &c as an armorer for the purpose of supplying the Army. He remained on this tour for the term of 3 months. At the expiration of the 3 months Colonel Long gave him an order from under his hand to Captain Thomas to discharge him, who did it accordingly. This discharge is also lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ A H Douglass, Clerk

S/ William Morriss



[Richard Johnson, a clergyman, and [illegible name] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

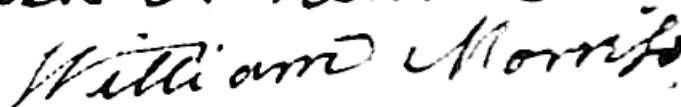
Declaration

of William Morriss as amended compliance with the Regulations of the War Department --
State of Tennessee Sumner County} November term of the County Court for said County 1832 --

Personally appeared in open court William Morriss (aged 71) before the Justices of the
said Court -- on this the 15th day of November 1832 who doth upon his oath make the following
that he made on the 14th day of August 1832 to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed
June 7th 1832. He states that he was born on the 19th of May 1761 in the State of North
Carolina. He has a record of his age in his family Bible at his residence in this County. He was
living in the State of North Carolina in the County of Halifax when he entered the service where
he continued to reside until he removed to the State of Tennessee. He states that he has been
residing in the County of Sumner in the State of Tennessee his present place of residence 25
years the 25th day of May next. He will also state in illustration of what he has already stated in
his original Declaration that he entered the service of his country under Captain Williams about
the first of August 1780 and he is confident that his discharge was given by Colonel Ben Sewell
on the 2nd of November 1780. He thinks he entered the service for his second term of three
months under Captain Jack Jones in the year 1781. He has already stated the names of his
officers in his original Declaration -- He received discharges as stated in his original Declaration
which were lost as therein stated.

Sworn to in open Court November 15th 1832

S/ William Morriss



S/ A H Douglass, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as
a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]