

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Morris S2865

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The State of Ohio Fairfield County: SS

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Frederick Grimke President Judge and Elnathan Scofield [?], Jacob D. Dietrick [?] and John Chaney Associate Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas of this County of Fairfield now sitting James Morris a resident of Amanda Township in the County of Fairfield and State of Ohio aged about seventy-five years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia about the year 1757 but has no records of his age and does not know exactly what it is. That in the early part of the revolutionary war he was drafted in the Militia in said County in the service of the United States, and marched from thence under Colonel John Morrow, Major __ Seath Captain Joshua Swearingen, Lieutenant and Ensign not recollected, through Redstone and Washington in the State of Pennsylvania to Fort McIntosh on the Ohio [River] near where the town of Beaver now is. The General then in command was Mackintosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. He was engaged in that Fort and Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] on the Tuscarawas River during the three months tour which he served at this time. He does not recollect the year or month but it was in the fall season that he performed this tour, and he was discharged, so late that he was frostbitten before he arrived home about Christmas. Sometime in August in the year 1781 he was again drafted in the militia of Berkeley County, and was marched to Yorktown in a Company commanded by Captain John McCormick, he does not recollect the names of the Lieutenant and Ensign of his company. When the company reached Yorktown they were arranged in a Regiment, but the officers of this Regiment he does not recollect. General Washington was in chief command there. He was engaged in the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], after which, he was engaged in guarding the prisoners taken until sometime in the month of November when this term of three months for which he was drafted had expired and he was discharged. In marching from Berkeley County to Yorktown he passed through Fauquier County and the town of Williamsburg. He received a written discharge signed by his commanding officer at the expiration of both of his tours of service, but they are now lost or destroyed. He has no documentary evidence of his said services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services, except Benjamin Carlyle and his wife who both no of his services. He is acquainted with George [interlineation rendered illegible] Esquire and William [illegible] being in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character & their belief of his service. He resided in Berkeley County until the year 1808 when he removed to Amanda Township in Fairfield County in this state where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ James Morris

[George Sanderson, and William Ingonson [?] Gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[p 18: On March 10, 1859 in Roane County Tennessee, Dorcas Morris, aged about 84 a resident of Roane County Tennessee filed an application stating that she is the widow of James Morris deceased; that she was married to him in Sullivan County Tennessee in May 1790 by Richard Mural a preacher of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Dorcas Morgan; that her husband died in Roane County Tennessee April 1838; she filed this affidavit seeking the bounty land you her as his widow. She signed her application with her mark. There is no indication in the file that a bounty land warrant was awarded on this application. The facts she alleges do not seem to match the veteran.]

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