

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morrison S2867

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[This is a bear—use with care]

State of Tennessee Bedford County: This 14 day of August appeared John Morrison in the open court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the State aforesaid before Samuel Phillips, John B. Armstrong & John S. Nail Esquires members appointed to hold said court about sixty-nine years of age made the following declaration according to the act of Congress of 1832 and being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and says as follows. That in the year 1780 he volunteered and went into service in to Captain Peter Burns¹ company of militia second Regiment of the North Carolina Line commanded by Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] in General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, that he and the company in which he served were called minute men and were directed to march at any time on the approach of the enemy that occasionally he got permission from his Captain to go home and returned back again about 5 months to wit from sometime in May 1780 to October 1780 that at the time he volunteered he resided in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina. That during the term of service aforesaid he was in the battle at the Waxhaws² with the Tories in which battle thirteen of the Tories were killed and the Tories defeated, that Major Davie [William Richardson Davie] commanded in said Battle there being no officer higher then a major with the Whigs at that time, that said Battle was fought in September 1780 that during the term of service aforesaid he was acquainted with General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and General Rutherford and Colonel Locke, Colonel Ervin and with Major White and Major Davie and Major Harris [?] Captain Peter Burns, Captain Riley & with John Allcorn [?] and Hue Paterson [sic, Hugh Patterson?] who acted as adjutants in the Regiment in which he served. At the expiration of the term of service aforesaid said Major White gave him a written discharge stating in said discharge that Deponent had been in actual service one hundred days and after his return home he gave said discharge to his father for safe keeping, but his father has since departed this life and he does not know where said discharge is at this time, that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his term of service but John Roberson³ Esquire saw him in service during the term of service aforesaid he is the only

¹ Could be Peter Burns, Peter Burris, Peter Burrus.

² Wahab's Plantation, September 21, 1780.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wahabs_plantation.html

³ This MAY be a reference to [John Robison \(Robinson\) W24798](#) who in September 1833 while living in McNairy County Tennessee, filed for a pension for services rendered in the revolution while living in Mecklenburg County and serving under Colonel William Polk and Major White in 1780 shortly after the defeat of Gates.

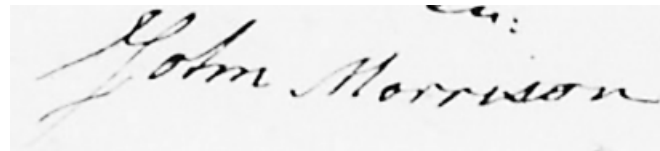
person he now knows of by whom he can prove his said service and he lives in the Western part of this State about one hundred miles from this place and deponent does not know in what County he lives and consequently it would be very inconvenient for Deponent to procure his affidavit. And in October 1780 shortly after he was discharged as aforesaid deponent again volunteered and went into service as a wagoner under John Huggins wagon master and went into the second Regiment of militia in the North Carolina line, commanded by General Davidson General Rutherford who previously commanded said Regiment having been taken a prisoner in General Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], that he served as a wagoner about 3 1/2 months during which time he saw all the officers with whom he was acquainted during his first term of service except General Rutherford and Major Davie, that during the term of service aforesaid he marched through different parts of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina and at the expiration of the last term of service he believes he received no discharge but his father received as he believes a written discharge for him but he does not know where it is at this time having never seen it in his life. That he has no documentary evidence by whom [sic] he can prove the last term of service but during the last term of service aforesaid he saw one Samuel Bowman⁴ but the said Bowman lives at this time in the adjoining County about 40 miles from this place and is very old and infirm and Deponent does not know whether he recollects of ever seeing Deponent in the service aforesaid. Deponent knows of no other person by whom he can prove the term of service last aforesaid except John Roberson Esquire who lives in the Western part of this State as aforesaid except said Bowman recollects of seeing him in the service during his second term of service. And in August 1781 deponent volunteered as a Wagoneer in the second Regiment of militia in the North Carolina line commanded by General Davidson and served three weeks during which term of service he saw very few officers as he was then hauling for the bequest [?] of the Hospital at the expiration of this last term of service a discharge as he believes was given to his father but he does not know where it is at this time as he never saw it in his life. That at the different times when he volunteered his services he resided in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina he hereby relinquishes all every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory in the United States. That he served in all 7 months and 25 days.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open court 14th of August 1832

S/ Jas. McKissick, Clk

S/ John Morrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Morrison". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the early 19th century.

Questions to be asked John Morrison

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer the State of Pennsylvania but does not know in what County on the 28 of March 1783

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have it at home it was written in my father's family Bible and I transcribed it from his family Bible into my own Bible which I now have

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

⁴ [Samuel Bowman R1118](#)

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina when called into service and I have lived in the County and state aforesaid till about 15 years ago, at which time I removed to Bedford County in the state of Tennessee where I have resided ever since

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I volunteered all three times

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

Answer. I saw Colonel Washington during my second term of service but was not acquainted with him and I was acquainted with General Rutherford General Davidson Colonel Locke Colonel Ervin Major Davie Major White Captain Peter Burns Captain Riley John Allcorn and Hue Paterson who acted as adjutants

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

Answer. I received a discharge at the expiration of my 1st term of service but I do not know where it is in my father as I believe received one discharge at the expiration of my other 2 terms of service but I do not know where they are at this time. Major White gave me my 1st discharge and I do not know who gave my father my other two discharges.

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

Answer. The Reverend John [indecipherable last name] & Colonel William Burnet and as to the general circumstances of my services they are above stated

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Morrison

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[p 18: John Rushing, a clergyman, and William Burnett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 25 days in the North Carolina militia.]