

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Morrison S31268

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State of Illinois Marion County: On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas C Brown Judge of the Circuit Court of Marion County now sitting: – Joseph Morrison a resident of said County & State, aged seventy-two years on the 30th of November last, having no record of his age who being 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.

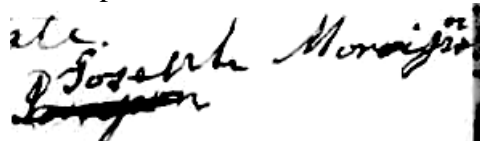
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated. That sometime in the year 1776 (the day & month not recollected) he entered the service of the United States, being drafted, under Captain Lyle (he thinks John) at Martinsburg, Birkly County [Berkeley County] State of Virginia, for the purpose of marching against the Shawnee Indians. That after going or marching some distance under said Captain Lyle from a change of men which took place in the arrangement of Companies, he was transferred to the command of one Captain Anthony Odle or Ogle (he does not recollect which) under whom he continued his march to Big Beaver, which empties into the Ohio River, where they erected a Fort and called it after the name of the General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], He likewise states that not knowing the day & month & year of his entering or leaving this service, he cannot by the accurate comparison of dates ascertain the precise time of his Service, yet he rest upon a perfect consciousness of having served 9 or 10 months. He further states that Colonel Marrow who had commanded previous to their arrival at Fort McIntosh thence ceased to command & probably returned, they being transferred to the command of General McIntosh. From Fort McIntosh they were marched to Tuscakaway [Tuscarawas River], where they (& he) were employed in building Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens]¹. That after finishing said Fort he returned to McIntosh Fort at the mouth of Big Beaver River. That upon his arrival here he was discharged regularly & as he humbly conceives honorably when he returned home. That shortly after his return home, he was again drafted and rendezvoused at Charleston then called where he marched under Captain Linder² & was commanded by Wm Morgan [William Morgan] as Colonel to Fredericksburg, thence to Williamsburg, from whence he heard the report of the Cannon in the engagement of Little-York. He arrived at Little-York about the time of the firing of the British shipping by the French he thinks on the day after the British were driven into close quarters. He recollects that the troops with whom he served lay or encamped near a place called the Poplar Springs, & at these Springs he was very near losing his life by a cannon which

¹ Fort Laurens was built in 1778 and abandoned August 2, 1779.

² The War Department interpreted this name as Linden. I could not find a likely candidate under either the name "Linder" or "Linden."

shattered a tree near him by the splinters or fragments of which he was injured. That Cornwallis attempted to evacuate the place in the night by crossing the River and along boats but was as it were, Providentially prevented by the rising of wind & storm, from getting but a part of them over by which means his forces were divided & he can pay old to surrender [October 19, 1781]. That on a certain day they abandoned their tents & went into the Fort for the purpose of receiving the prisoners, but they from some cause or other were not [word obliterated and illegible] until the next day, they the [sic] overnight having returned to occupy their tents, such as they were. That on the next or appointed day they received a part of the prisoners & guarded them to Nolings or Nolin's Ferry [Noland's ferry] on the Potomac [River], where they delivered them up. Here he was discharged by Captain Linder (perhaps Jacob). That he was under age at this time having entered the service at the early age of 16 or 17 & that his father took his discharges for the purpose of drawing pay & that he never afterwards obtained possession of them. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Joseph Morrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Morrison". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There are some additional scribbles and a vertical line to the right of the signature.

[David R Chance, a clergyman, and John F Draper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: A note in this file indicates that the veteran died August 23 or 25, 1835 leaving a widow Elizabeth (maiden name not known). There is no family data in this file other than the reference to his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]