

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morris S31868

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State of Alabama Jackson County }

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William L. Compton one of the County Judges of the State of Alabama now sitting in Bellefonte John Morris Sr. a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged about Sixty Eight years old, who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June the 7th 1832.

He states that he was born in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina on the 31st day of August 1764 as appears from the record of my age and that he entered the service of the United States in Rowan County & State of North Carolina in the year 1781 and was drafted into Service by Captain William Cool for three months commanded by Frances Locke our Colonel we marched from Rowan to Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina from there to Catawba River in said State & there we were attached to General Davidson['s] Army he marched us below on said River where General Davidson was killed [February 1, 1781 at Cowan's Ford] by the British Army afterwards we marched to Guilford Court house. We were after General Davidson was killed commanded by General Polk [Thomas Polk] -- we were marched to Salisbury where we were discharged after our service of three months expired; in September of the same year I was drafted into service for three months by Captain Carson [Thomas Carson] whose given name I do not recollect in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina commanded by Colonel William Loftin [William Lofton] we were marched to Wilmington in said State which was in possession of the British Army we took possession of the same¹ we remained there served there until we were discharged; all of these discharges I preserved for many years, but have lost them I have no documentary evidence or know of no person or persons by whom I can prove or testify to my service as I moved from North Carolina to Virginia in Montgomery County thence I moved to South Carolina in Edgefield County thence to the State of Georgia Jackson County from thence I moved to Wilson County Tennessee thence to Lincoln County in said State thence to Franklin County thence to the place where I now live I know of no person living by whom I can prove my service in the United States Army. I hereby relinquish every claim to pension or annuity except the present and declare his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state & that this is the only application he has made.

S/ John Morris Senior, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_evacuation_of_wilmington.html

S/ Wm S. Compton, JPCC

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

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

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.

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

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 to the 1st Question

I was born in the year 1764

Answer 2. I have a Record of my age and I have it [in] my possession

Answer 3. I was living as I before stated in my general statement and refer to the same for the answer to this question where it is specified fully

Answer 4th question I was drafted into Service

Answer 5 Question I refer to my Declaration where the names of my officers are specified and the general circumstances of my services are detailed

Answer 6 Question. I received a discharge for each term of service from my Captain in the first campaign & my Colonel in the second both of which I have lost

Question 7 Answer to the same -- Charles Roach & Stephen Carter who live in my neighborhood and have been acquainted 10 or 12 years with me can testify as to my character.

[Charles L. Roach, a minister of the Gospel, and Benjamin Matthews and Joshua Browning gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Morris Junior, applied for letters of administration of his father's estate on August 16, 1844, in Jackson County, Alabama.

John Morris
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[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.]