

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Morris S31871

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State of Georgia Jones County:

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court Judge L Q C Lanier now sitting Nathaniel Morris resident of Jones County & State of Georgia aged 77 years 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. This applicant entered the service of the United States for 18 months as a minute man or volunteer in the month of September 1775 under Captain James Mason from Brunswick County Virginia, Lieutenant Robert Maberry [Robert Mabry ?] & Lewis Hicks Ensign, Binns Jones all from the same County & State. This applicant lived in Brunswick County at the time of his entering the service. After serving the 18 months faithfully he then enlisted for three years at Little York under Captain William Crump & Lieutenants Zachariah & William Smith and Ensign Charles Davis he served out this time of five years and then enlisted in the State of Delaware for 18 months in the Horse company under Captain William Washington Lieutenant Lewis [last name illegible]<sup>1</sup> and Ensign George Hicks and served out this time and returned home to the County of Brunswick and State of Virginia and entered the service again as a volunteer until the capture of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] at York Town Virginia. This applicant was acquainted with the commander in chief of the United States Army General George Washington under whom he served four years & six months: He went from little York to head quarters in the State of Delaware he marched through New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and many other places not recollected. He was in the following battles to wit, the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778], the battle at the [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> Bridge<sup>3</sup> in the State of Delaware and the siege of Little York. General Washington and Lafayette and Green were engaged. This applicant was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1756 and is now in his 77 year and has a register of his birth at home in the family Bible. He has been residing in Georgia Jones County [several words written over and indecipherable] which was soon after the close of the war. This applicant states he received a regular discharge from

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<sup>3</sup> A battle or skirmish was fought at Cooch's Bridge in Delaware on September 3, 1777. This MAY be the engagement to which the veteran is referring.

Captain William Washington which has been destroyed by fire, there are no persons living whose testimony he can procure to prove his service and the justice of his claims to the [words written over and indecipherable] service of the government that this applicant knows of this applicant is well known to two thirds of his fellow citizens of Jones County – Judges Weaver, Slade, Moon, Northern, & Peterson, Doctors Bowers & F. [indecipherable last name], General Flewillen, Major Hardiman, Major Smith, Samuel Southern, Moses Harris, Matthew Marshall, James & Henry [last name written over and indecipherable], the Reverend Gideon Mason are some of the many individuals who can [several lines of text so compromised as to be indecipherable]. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Nathaniel Morris

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathaniel Morris', written in a cursive style.

[Gideon Mason, a clergyman, and Matthew A. Marshall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]