

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Travis Morris S33123

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State of Illinois Union County Sct. Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

On this 18th [?] day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Thomas C. Browne Judge of the Circuit Court of Union County State of Illinois now sitting Travis Morris a resident of Alexander County & State of Illinois aged 73 years ^{12th of June last} who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an 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. This affiant states that he was born in Richmond County Virginia in the year 1758 -- but that he has now no record of his age, it being on record in his father's Bible in Richmond Church Virginia, where he was christened. That at the time of his entering the Service in 1776 or '77 at the least in or about the commencement of the War he lived in Prince William County Virginia. That in '77 he thinks he turned out as a drafts man under one John Hedges Captain & to the best of his remembrance one Jesse Ewel [Jesse Ewell] Colonel for a three months tour together with several hundred others from the same County. That he was marched to Philadelphia, then called Head-Quarters of Washington whom they joined immediately on their arrival. That some short time after joining General Washington, they were marched off towards a place called Brandywine, where they met & fought the British he thinks between the middle of July & September in the year 1777 [September 11, 1777]. He states that at this battle he was young, careless & thoughtless & knew no other officers except his Captain & General Washington with whom he was particularly acquainted, as his father once lived a near neighbor to the General, previous to his turning out under him. He further states, that at the expiration of this three months term of service he was discharged regularly, by a written discharge, which got burned some time after, in his Brother's house, which was destroyed by fire. That from this he returned home. He states that he was again drafted, probably some 6 or 8 months after his former discharge at any rate when it again came round to his Companies term of service, taking as it was the wont of that day in rotation. That in this expedition of three months he was commanded by Charles Maddie¹ Capt. & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & that in the meantime, that is between his first tour & this the second his father had moved to NC Surry County near the Moravian towns, where he lived when called into service this time. That they were marched from the place where he turned out to Wilmington. That on the road to Wilmington ten miles from the latter place,

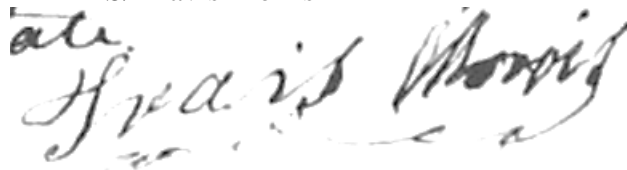
¹ The War Department interpreted this as Captain Charles Maddid noting that the name was not plainly written.

they came to a large Brick building [November 15, 1781], where they found & took as prisoners 30 or 40 British soldiers, & proceeded on to Wilmington with them. That upon their arrival at Wilmington, they took some two or three hundred more prisoners, British soldiers. He further states that the prisoners were taken into the possession of the regulars, & they returned home, after having been in this service three months. That for this tour likewise he received another written discharge which shared the same the others at the same place & time of the former burning which happened after the War was over. That sometime after this he does not recollect when neither day, month or year he volunteered to serve another tour of three months. He was commanded this time by one Samuel Hampton Captain & Joseph Winston as Major. The object of this third expedition was against the Tories, who had begun to rise against the inhabitants probably of Rowan County some distance below Salisbury, between it and the Catawba River. That during this march they passed through little streams the principal of which was called the Yadkin River which they ferried both going & returning. That they dispersed & scattered & subdued, at least temporarily, the Tories & disaffected. That they had no skirmish or battle during this time, but continued scouring & scouting the country until about the expiration of their term of service, when he returned home. That they obtained no discharge for this term, as a Captain in the meantime had taken sick & returned, leaving them under the command of their Lieutenant, who neglected or failed from some cause or other he does not now know what to give them any. That after this he was frequently engaged in scouting about the country against the Tories. That he was not acquainted, that he now recollects, with any other officers than those mentioned in the body of the above declaration. He further states that he continued to live in North & South Carolina for some time subsequent to the war when he removed to the State of Georgia, thence to this State & County of Alexander where he has lived ever since & now lives. He further states that he has no documentary evidence (except an oath of allegiance which will be in closed for the inspection of the Department) and 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 & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Winston Davie, Clk

S/ Travis Morris

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Travis Morris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Travis Morris".

[Hezekiah West, a clergyman, and James Browne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 12, 1841, leaving children, their names and the name of his wife are not set forth in the file.]

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