

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

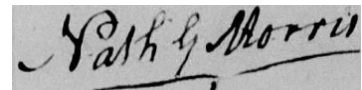
Pension Application of Nathaniel G Morris S36178

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To the Hon'ble The Secretary of War of the U.S. [4 May 1818]

The petition of Nathaniel G. Morris a Citizen of Kentucky most respectfully represents, that being desirous to aid His Country all that lay in His power in Her struggles for independence, He entered into the service of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1775. In January 1776 was appointed a first Lieutenant in the 9th Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel Thomas Fleming and after His death [from small pox] by Lt. Colo. George Matthews [sic: George Mathews], was soon promoted to a Captaincy in which capacity He served at the Battle of German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777]. Was subsequently in many severe skirmishes, But never received a wound. The Assembly of Virginia as a mark of it approbation appointed Him a Major in General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] Brigade in which rank He served at Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and under Generals Gates & Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] untill the Battle of Guildford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], when He was ordered to Richmond in Virginia with prisoners taken at Rugeleys mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill SC, 4 Dec 1780]. Governor Jefferson then presented Him with a Regiment at the Head of which He served under the Marquis LaFayette, was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and was also in General Harmers campaign [sic: Gen. Josiah Harmar's campaign against Indians, autumn 1790]. For the verity of this statement The petitioner Has the Honor of offering reference To Thomas Jefferson Esq'r. Thomas Man Randolph [sic: Thomas Mann Randolph] Esq'r. General Matthews, James Pleasants Esq'r., General James Williams & Gen'l. Stephens. The two last of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virg'a. Wm. Chanby[?] & Randolph Railey, John Stephen Woodson Esq'r. and Colonel Abraham Buford all of Woodford County Kent'y. Major Charles Pelham of Maysville Kent'y. John Woodson Esq'r. of Hanover County Va. John Fowler Lexington Kent'y. Archibald Pleasants Esq'r. Goochland County Va. John Chadle Buckingham County Virg's. & Major Thomas Mastin Newport Kent'y. Your petitioner is at this time about seventy years of age and is in most indigent circumstances. For several years past His only support Has been derived from the keeping a little Country School. But now the infirmities brought on Him by the exposures of His youth Have cut off His only stay and left Him afloat on the world, destitute of resource, old, poor and unprotected. He is widower without children or any other consanguineous tie whatever in America. Urged by these necessities your petitioner most respectfully Begs that He may be inscribed on the Invalid pension list Roll of the Kentucky Agency, authorised by a recent act of Congress passed for the benefit of the Officers and Soldiers of the revolutionary army & further your petitioner declares that He is not in the Habit of receiving nor ever Has received any pension whatever from the United States. He tenders to you His High consideration & respect &c.



State of Kentucky

Bracken County Sct.

On this 8th day of April 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, (being authorized by law to fine and imprison, and being so declared by law) for the County aforesaid, Nathaniel G. Morris aged seventy two years resident in said County who being first sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. That in the spring 1776 in march he entered the service as a 1st Lieut. commanded by Capt. Sam'l. Woodson [Samuel Woodson], in the 9th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col Thomas Fleming, on Continental establishment that sometime the spring of 1777 (he thinks in February) he was promoted to the rank of Capt. in the same

Regiment. that he served in said Regiment until shortly after the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], when he married and upon a reduction of the Regiment he was left out. that he was in the battle of Germantown and many little skirmishes. that he has received a pension certificate, Number 7771 & dated the 18th day of March 1819 that he does not recollect the date of the original declaration, but his pay commenced the 4th day of May 1818. and he doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of his property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person for him in trust, any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed – viz – “I have no property either real or personal whatever except my wearing apparel, my bed and bed clothes. there is a debt of about one hundred dollars, which I conceive to be due me in the hands of Thomas Winslow but which is attached as the property of Lovewell Thompson in consequence of Thompson himself being connected in the contract which created this debt. if it is made subject to Thompsons debt, I never expect to get one cent of it, Thompson being in a situation not to refund it. if it is not made subject to his debt I shall receive it. I have heretofore kept a small school of ten children, which has produced me \$120 per annum, but I find I shall be compelled to give it up from the rapid declension of my health strength, and eye sight, being so weak in one knee that it is with pain I walk. my memory is also much impaired and failing fast. I have neither Child or relation in the United States. The foregoing is a true statement of my situation Given under my hand this 8th day of August 1820
Nathaniel G. Morris

[The following is among [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

From a Register of Rank of the officers of the Virg^a Continental line in my possession made at White Plains state of New York under the Inspection of a Committee of Congress sent there for the purpose of reducing the Number of Regiments and also of Captains forming a Regiment (allowing but six & a Captain Lieut^t instead of ten Captains the original quantity) on the 14th Septem^r. 1778 (1778) – It appears that Nath^l G Morris of the 9th Virg^a Reg^t was arranged as a Supernumery Captain in consequence thereof as well as that of the 9th Regiment – being in a temporary manner extinct – nearly the whole thereof being killed & made prisoners at the Battle of Germantown – Captain Nath^l G. Morris rose from the Grade of Subaltern to rank of a Captain on 10th Febu^y. 1777. The appointment of officers for that Regiment (th 9th) was made in month of December 1775 or Janu^y. 1776 and it is presumeable Cap. Morris obtained his appointment as a subaltern either in 1775 (Decem^r.) or jan^y. 1776

Given under my hand in the City of Richmond 7th April 1809

Ro. Gamble [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300] late a Capt. in the Continental Va. Line

NOTE: A document in the file states that Morris died on 15 Sep 1824.