

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Zadoc Morris S38247

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Virginia. Be it remembered that at a court held in and for the County of Monongalia at the Court house of the said County the worshipful the Justices thereof on Tuesday the 28th day of April AD 1818– Zadock Morris personally appeared before the said County and being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God declares and says “That he is an inhabitant of the said County and aged about fifty nine years and a native of the State of Delaware that in the year that the battle of Trenton was fought [26 Dec 1776] he enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the United States to serve three years or during the war in the company commanded by Capt Hollin (who fell at the battle of Germantown [sic: Thomas Holland, mortally wounded at Germantown 4 Oct 1777]) in the Delaware Regiment which was usually attached to the Maryland line after the death of Capt Hollin, that he was in the company commanded by Capt [John] Rhoads [or John Rhodes]. that he (with his Capt and others) was taken prisoner at Gates defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] on Edisto Island. that the last service he performed was conveying the British to Elizabeth Town point from thence he was marched to New Castle in the state of Delaware and discharged. in all he served six years and about seven months. that he does not know what became of his discharge. that from age Lameness and other infirmness of body he cannot well support himself by labour and that he has not an Estate sufficient to support himself without labour. that he has a family of fourteen children. that two of his Sons went into the army during the late war with England and have not yet returned. from the foregoing facts he prays a relief under the 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”

Also at the same time personally appeared Joseph Sapp [pension application S41122] of the said county who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God doth depose and say That he has long been acquainted with Zadock Morris of Monongalia County who was a Soldier in the army of the United States in the year 1778 [sic] in Capt Hollins company in the Delaware Regiment with whom this affiant served as a soldier until the battle of Germantown where Capt Hollin fell, then said Zadock Morris was under the Command of Capt Rhoads in the same Regiment until Gates defeat when said Morris and others were made prisoners that from the year 1778 untill the defeat aforesaid this affiant served in the same Regiment with said Zadock Morris and part of the time in the same company. that this affiant is the same Joseph Sapp who is on the pension List – that said Morris is poor and not able to labour” All which is ordered by the County to be certified to the proper officers agreeable to the requisition of the act of Congress providing for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war

Virginia. At a County court held in and for the County of Monongalia at the courthouse of the said county, on monday the 24th of July in the year 1820 and 44th year of the Commonwealth; personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, which proceed according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings. Zadock Morriss aged 59 years this fall who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit I enlisted for during the war in 1778 [sic] in Capt. Hollands company in the Delaware regiment commanded by Col. David Hall, and afterwards by Col Joseph Vaughn [sic: Joseph Vaughan]. then marched to Philadelphia to take the small pox. then marched and joined the regiment at Trenton. I was on the baggage guard at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and was in no battle untill the battle of Gates’ defeat, at Camden. I was in that battle then I was taken prisoner with Capt. Pervis [sic: George Purvis], and he being parolled took me to Charleston to wait on him. then went with him to the

island called Eddisto [sic], where we remained between three & four weeks and then took back to Charleston, and then to Wilmington [NC], on Cape Fear, from thence to Newbern [sic: New Bern NC], then my captain gave me a pass to go home. I was at home 12 months, then called in and marched to Philadelphia, and helped to convey the prisoners to Elizabeth town point. I was then marched back to the barracks in Philadelphia from thence marched to New Castle in Delaware. The war being over we were let at liberty, my officer gave me no discharge, neither did any of the soldiers receive regular discharges as I have been informed, except some of the wounded, or such as was discharged before the end of the war. I did receive some kind of a certificate from Capt. Wm McConnar who then acted as paymaster, to entitle me to the Pay due me, which certificate I sold at a large discount. I have no other evidence in my power of my said services that I know of at this time.

And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th of march 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself 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 of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed necessary wearing apparel & bedding excepted. One hundred and seventy six acres of land in Monongalia county Va part of which cost One dollar, and the ballance 87½ cents, pr acre, on easy payments – about 30 acres under indifferent fence, 20 acres of which is partly cleared, the land is poor, stoney and hilley. there is an old and very poor cabbn on it in which I reside. no barn except an old floor, with a kind of cover that will not keep out the weather. I could not get exceeding \$15 rent pr year for the whole premises in cash, and do not think that it is possible to get one dollar per acre for the whole land and premises in money at this time. a few old plates and dishes, six knives & five forks part broke, one wheel, one table, six old broken chairs, one pot, one dutch oven without lids, one iron kettle, one chest without hinges, a few old cups and saucers, six pewter spoons, one bucket, one mare and coalt, three cows, four calves, five heifers. 8 sorry hogs. one plow. two set plow gears much broken. 12 sheep including lambs two old axes and three old hoes and one mattix. I have no trade, my wife Elizabeth upwards of 50 years of age, decriped and very infirm I had 14 children by two wives, but one son about 14 years of age, one other son about 13 years of age, one other son and a daughter (twins) about eleven years of age last January the daughter subject to fits and requires a person always to watch her and is of insane mind, is all the family that lives with me. I am invalid having got my knee mashed by the falling of a tree about 20 years ago, my knee has perished away and I have no strength in it of consequence. I am subject to fits all of which afflicts me very much, and renders me incapable of doing anything for the support of my family. (signed) Zadock Morriss

I made my declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, before said court on the 28th of April in the year 1818. Sworn to and declared before the aforesaid court on the day and date first herein written. Virginia. I Nimrod Craus clerk of the County court of Monongalia do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said court, and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court, that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is six hundred and fifty five dollars.

Virginia. Be it remembered that at a monthly court held in and for the County of Monongalia at the courthouse of the said county on monday the 25 of August in the year 1823. personally appeared in open court (being a court of record which proceeds according to the course of the Common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings) Zadoc Morriss resident in said county, aged sixty two years this fall, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the 18th of March 1818.

the 1st of May 1820 and 1st of March 1823. that he the said Zadoc enlisted for during the war in the year 1778 in the State of Delaware, in the company commanded by Capt. Holland, in the regiment commanded by Col David Hall, and afterwards by Col. Joseph Vaughn, in the line of the State of Delaware on the continental establishment. That he continued to serve as stated in his former declaration made before the July term of said court in the year 1820 when he was discharged from the said service at New Castle in the State of Delaware.

And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident... [the oath and schedule of property essentially the same as in the previous declaration:]

That since the exhibition of my first schedule, the following changes have been made in my property, towit – Two cows died – sold three calves – sold four heifers. one mare dead. That the cattle as above stated as being sold, I sold to my son Richard Morris after they were taken in execution by a constable in order to pay a debt for which I was sued–

I have no trade or occupation, the only means I have of subsisting is on my land, which is poor indeed. my wife Elizabeth who is now upwards of fifty five years of age, lives with me, she is very infirm and decrepid, and also my daughter Elizabeth, lives with me she is about fifteen years of age, she is subject to fits and deranged mind. she can aid in no way whatever to her own support and requires almost constant watching and attention

I am an invalid myself. my knee was so seriously injured by the falling of a tree, upwards of twenty years ago, as to be ever since stiff, and has decayed away, leaving but very little strength in that limb. I am myself subject to the distressing and awful disease of fits or falling sickness, which together with my age and injury renders me almost incapable of providing for my wife and child the wants of nature. I am indeed a poor distressed and afflicted human being – my time must soon draw to a close. a few years cannot pass without the bounty of my neighbours for an entire support, without the aid of that Government which I strove with thousands of others through innumerable privations and difficulties to establish.

(signed) Zadoc Morris