

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Norris S38963

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State of Tennessee, Grainger County }

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820, personally appeared in open Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid and being a Court of [record] William Norris of the County of Grainger aged Sixty-Eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, that he the said William Norris enlisted for nine Months, some time in the year 1778 or 1779 in the State of North Carolina in a Company commanded by Captain Conner [John Connor, a/k/a John Connell of the Guilford Regiment of militia] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Adam Little in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the year 1780 or '81 when he was discharged from the service in 1780 or '81 in the State of South Carolina, that he was in the get Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] in South Carolina, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the affidavit of John Lovel & the Rolls of the War Department. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> day 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, and that he the said William Norris is by occupation a farmer, and shortly after he was discharged from the service of the United States he was thrown from a horse & got his hip joint dislocated & his thigh broken which renders him unable at times to labor in any manner, and that his family consists of himself & one daughter 30 years of age very unhealthy & scarcely unable [sic] to maintain herself by her labor.

Sworn to & declared on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820 in open Court

Schedule of the property of William Norris

7 head of hogs viz. 4 year olds 1 sow & two shoats and 87 ½ cents owing to me by Richard Simmons.

S/ William Norris, X his mark

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State of Tennessee, Grainger County }

This day appeared before me William E. Cocke, an acting Justice of the peace in and for

the County aforesaid Voluntine Morgan [sic, Valentine Morgan<sup>1</sup>] an inhabitant of the County and State aforesaid, and being qualified as the law directs deposed and saith that he was and is now well acquainted with William Norris, the person named in the declaration filed at November Sessions &c and that the said William Norris enlisted in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War about the year 1778 or 1779 for the Term of nine months and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle?] in the Line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment & that he, Morgan, served a three months campaign at the same time in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McDowell and therefore have an opportunity of knowing the above facts deposed and that he believes to the best of his knowledge and recollection that the said Norris served out the term of his enlistment.

Sworn to & subscribed this eighth day of December 1824 before me.

S/ Wm E. Cocke, JP

S/ Voluntine Morgan, X his mark [sic]

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State of Tennessee, Grainger County} November Session 1820

This day came into open Court John Lovel & after being duly Sworn according to law, doth say that he was & is yet well acquainted with William Norris the person named in the Declaration this day filed by him to obtain the benefit of two acts of Congress providing for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States during the revolutionary war, that he entered said time in the year of 1778 or '79 for nine months, that he served out the time, that this deponent went & met the said Norris with a horse & brought him home when he was discharged.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1820.

S/ John Lovel, X his mark

S/ Wm E. Cocke, DC

The name of William Norris does not appear on the Rolls of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war.

Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1822

S/ Wm Hill, Secy of State NC

[p 11: William Norris died on July 8, 1839 according to an affidavit filed by his son, William Norris on June 2, 1843 in Knox County Tennessee. The affiant signed the affidavit with his mark.]

[p 14: Gallant Norris, administrator of the Estate of William Norris, filed a petition in Dent County, Missouri on August 6, 1855, seeking arrears due William Norris at the time of his death, which this petitioner states occurred in Grainger County Tennessee on the eighth day of July 1836. The petitioner signed his petition with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 8, 1824, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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1 [Valentine Morgan S1567](#)