

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Cornelius Morris S40175

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[Capitalization partly corrected]

The State of Ohio Clark County SS{

This day Cornelius Morris Commonally Called Neel Morris came Before me the Under signed one of the associate Judges for the County aforesaid who Being Duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Deposeth and Saith that he Inlisted as a Soldier in the Service United States on Continental establishment in the State of Maryland in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine or Eighty in Capt Lloyd Bells Company in the County of Montgomery & State aforesaid & Joined the Army at Annapolis the Regiment to which I was attached not now recollected but believes it was commanded by John Stuart. this Deponant saith that he was marched from Annapolis to Virginia under the command of Gen'l [Horatio] Gates and through the Carolinias and was in Gates Defeat at Gum Swamp near Camdem [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] I was also at the Battle at Camden under Gen'l Green [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC under Gen. Nathanael Greene, 25 Apr 1781] I was also at the Seige of Ninety Six [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and the Battle of Guilford [Courthouse NC] March 15th 1781 he further states that he faithfully served the full period for which he was inlisted which was for three years but in consequence of his inlistment being lost & his Capt absent he was continued in the service until the end of the war which was about three years & four months at which time the army was lying on James's Island near to Charlestown [Charleston] South Carolina under the command of Gen'l Green when the proclamation reached us of peace between the United States and Great Britton which this deponent believes was in the month of June 1783. There was two ways proposed to take the troops to Annapolis or Baltimore in Maryland that was by land and water this deponant left the army at that time with a number of others & marched by land to Montgomery County where he first inlisted without takeing a discharge or receiving my pay for the time of service allowing to have met the Gen'l at the place appointed for the troops to meet this deponant did not attend the Randevous but sent an order by William Henley who was a soldier in the same company with this deponant to his half brother to draw his pay which he did and brought it to him without taking any discharge at all this deponant knows of no person in this state who can make any proof in the foregoing statement he further saith that from the misfortunes of life he is in indigent circumstances & needs the aid or the assistance of his Government and that he is now a resident and citizen of the State of Ohio.

Cornelius Morris

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th day of May 1818

The State of Ohio Clark County. SS

Court of Common Pleas of the term of November A.D. 1821. before the Hon. Joseph H. Crane President, and Daniel M Kinnon, Joseph Talman & Joseph Layton Eqrs. his associates, Judges of said court

Be it remembered that at the time and place aforesaid (towit) on the 21st day of November A.D. 1821 at the court house in Springfield before the Judges aforesaid in open court (being a court of record expressly made so by the constitution and laws of this state possessing the power to fine and emprison having a seal and a Clerk &c. (personally appeared Cornelius Morris of said County and State, aged about sixty-three years, who after being duly sworn doth on his oath declare and say that he served in the revolutionary War between great britain and the United States of America as follows: He enlisted in February A.D. 1780 into the service of the united states on the continental establishment, in the Company of Capt. Loyd Bell of Maryland in the Regiment commanded as well as he recollects by Col. John Stewart (the name of the Colonel he does not certainly recollect) which Regiment he joined at the City of Annapolis, and continued and remained in service during the War and till peace was made - he was in the battle near Camden where Gen'l. Gates was defeated - the battle at Camden under Gen'l. Greene. That he the deponent has been theretofore placed on the pension list and drawn a pension his pension

certificate No. 9830 the date of his original application May 13, 1818, sworn to before Judge Layton, of Clark County aforesaid. And I the said Cornelius Morris do further solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any 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 navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed the 18th 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 hereunto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit, one mare 12 or 13 years old. one yearling colt, one dish, one old table, one sett of gears, two head of old sheep one iron kettle, one small pot, one old oven with the lid broken, one old rifle gun, one four barrel, one old meat tub, one axe, one hoe, one mattock, 1 clever, 1 twisted & 1 open link, 2 single trees

That I am justly indebted to several persons in the sum of about one hundred and forty dollars at least

That I am by occupation a farmer but from age, Rheumatic pains, and from once having had an arm broken, am not able to follow that business to advantage; a few hours work will often render me unable to labour for several days. The members of my family residing with me at this time are 1st my wife Sarah aged about 53 years weak and ailing - 2nd my daughter Jane aged about 19 years my son Cornelius aged about 16 years my daughter Harriett aged about 18 years, Elizabeth aged about 10 years - the latter of whom I consider not able to make a living for herself at present

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