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Pension Application of Thomas Morris S41015

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Nicholas County Kentucky (sct)

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1818

This day Thomas Morris personally appeared before me John Trimble one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Kentucky and made oath that in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Nine he enlisted as a fifer for the Term of Three years in the Virginia Line of the Continental Army and that he belonged to the Second Division and to the Brigade Commanded by General Scott [Charles Scott BLWt2055-850] and to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Heath [sic: William Heth BLWt1064-500] and that he was commanded first by Capt. Adam Wallace [BLWt542-300] and was afterwards commanded by Capt. Gray who succeeded to the Command of the Company and that he served in said Army for the Term of Three years as aforesaid at which time he was discharged in the year 1782 at Salisbury North Carolina and that some time after his enlistment he was promoted to the office of fife Major and he states that his discharge by time and accident has been worn out and destroyed and cant now be produced he also states that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for his support and he further states that he has not at this time any other evidence of his enlistment service and discharge within his power

State of Kentucky 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District sct On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court (this being expressly made a court of record by the laws of this State for Nicholas County with power to fine & imprison, possessing unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount always keeping a record of its proceedings) Thomas Morris aged sixty seven years a resident in the County of Nicholas and District aforesaid, who being first duly sworn on his oath doth declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit – “That he enlisted in the year 1779 for the term of three years in Augusta Co. Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Adam Wallace in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment commanded by Col Wm. Heath in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps as a fifer until 1782 when he was discharged from said service in Salsbery in the state of North Carolina, Capt. Gray commanded when he was discharged. I made my original declaration on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June 1818, received pension Certificate No. 16.692, have not as yet drawn any pay on said certificate. 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 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 person 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 as follows – “Two horse creatures \$66, two sheep \$2, two cows & a calf \$24, eight pigs \$8. total amount \$100. My family consists of six small children towit William eleven years old, Ann nine years old, Lucinda & Henry twins about five years old Barton 2 years old & Jane six years old. they cannot contribute any to my support, after supporting themselves. I am a farmer and not able to pursue it, being lame in my arms, wife old & infirm unable to work to support me. She is crippled with pains, about fifty years old.

Subscribed by me.

Thomas hisXmark Morris

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky, Fayette County, towit

Thomas Morris personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said county and made

oath that in the year 1779 he Enlisted for three years as Fife Master in Capt Adam Wallec's company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. William Heath on the Continental line and that he continued in said service as fife major until the expiration of the term for which he enlisted, when he was honorably discharged in the year 1782, by Captain Gray, at Salsbury (N.C.) That through the [undeciphered word] of time he has lost his discharge so that it cannot be [undeciphered] to corroborate the above statement and that he has not received his land Bounty for his services

Thomas hisXmark Morris

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of September 1822. R. S. Todd JP

State of Kentucky }  
Fayette County to wit } [4 Sep 1822]

William Stivers personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said county, and made oath that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and well knows that the above named Thomas Morris did Enlist and serve in the Revolution as fife major for the time he has stated (three years) and that he [part missing at bottom of page] time for which he Enlisted, in the year 1782 and he believes said Morris has never received his Land Bounty for his services William hisXmark Stivers

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files. One file also contains a misfiled document pertaining to Richard Montague R77.]

State of Kentucky Nicholas County Sct

This day Edward Stokes personally appeared before me John Davidson a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State afforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Morris in the army of the revolution that Morris was then a fifer that he knew him at Fort Pitt some time near the close of the revolution Given under my hand this 3<sup>d</sup> day of August 1835

The Petition of the above named Thomas Morris, respectfully represents; that the Archives of the Auditor's & Register's offices of said Commonwealth, contains, as he believes, such documents, vouchers & muster rolls, as when taken in connexion with the preceding statement made by him in relation to his services, corroborated by his actual receipt for a pension for more than sixteen years past, will be sufficient proof of his claim to Bounty land; and if your honorable body should be of the same opinion after making due allowance for the difficulty & even impropriety of obtaining one or more living witnesses, he prays that you will cause a warrant to be issued to him for said 200 acres of land; & he will ever pray &c/ October 3<sup>d</sup> 1836 Signed Thomas Morris

State of Ohio } Ss.

City of Cincinnati, and County of Hamilton.

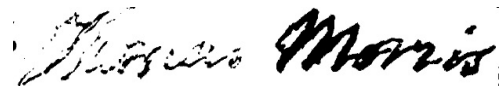
Be it known, that before me, Herbert P. Gaines, a Notary Public, in and for said City and County, personally appeared Thomas Morris, and made oath in due form that he is the identical person named in the original Certificate in his possession of which, I certify (the said original being now before me) the following is a true Copy.

“War Department/ Revolutionary Claim

I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1818, Thomas Morris, late a fifer in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the Kentucky Agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month, [undeciphered] on the twenty second day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. Given at the war [rest missing from bottom of page]

And the said Thomas Morris further states that he now resides in the town of Fulton in the County of Hamilton and state of Ohio, and has resided there for the past seven years; and that previous to that time he resided for nearly forty years in Nicholas County Kentucky, to which place he removed from Augusta County, Virginia, from which place he went into the service of the United States, as an enlisted soldier for

three years, in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment, about the beginning of the month of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine; and served out said term of three years, and obtained an honorable discharge from Capt. Gray his then Captain, at Salisbury, North Carolina; That he at first enlisted in the Company Commanded by Capt. Adam Wallace, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Wm. Heath. That during the whole of the time, three years, for which he enlisted in said Virginia Line on Continental establishment and which he actu- [part missing from bottom of page] Regiment and believes that according to an act of the Virginia Legislature in relation to giving Bounty Land to such soldiers &c as might enlist for three years, he is entitled to a warrant from said state of Virginia, for two hundred acres of land; and finally, that according to the best of his knowledge & belief, he has neither received a warrant for said land nor authorized any other person to receive it; nor hath he directly or indirectly transferred his right to said Bounty Land to any person or persons whomsoever. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1836.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M".

NOTES:

A size roll taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Thomas Morris/ age 23/ height 5' 7"/ dark hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ weaver/ born in England/ residing in Augusta County. Enlisted for duration of the war. "Drum"

On 26 Mar 1838 Thomas Morris applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved to Fulton Township in Hamilton County to live with his children. His identity was certified by Harry Morris. On 27 May 1846 H. H. Morris of Fulton OH wrote as follows: "The name of my Father was thomas Morris and the name of my mother was Mary Morris. My father deceased Nov 18 1839 and my mother deceased on May 7th 1843."

One file in the rejected claims contains a petition for bounty land dated 9 June 1842 by "Mary Morris, Samuel Allen and Nancy his wife, David Gray and Elizabeth his wife, James Morris, John Matheny and Margaret his wife, William Matheny and Anna his wife, William Morris, Henry H. Morris, John Crowell and Jane his wife, and Barton Morris, who are the only lawful heirs of Thomas Morris."