

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Riley S4106

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The State of Ohio Muskingum County: SS

On this 14th [could be 24th] day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Muskingum in the State of Ohio William Riley a resident of Jefferson Township in said County aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 –

That he resided at the commencement of the revolution in Berkeley County Virginia that in September 1778 he was drafted for three months, that at Martinsburg in said Berkeley County he was attached to the company of Captain John Lyle, Lieutenant Robert Kennedy in the Regiment of Virginia militia commanded by Colonel John Morrow, that from Martinsburg he marched across the Allegheny mountains to the mouth of Pigeon Creek, thence across the Ohio River to Fort Mackintosh [Fort McIntosh] which Fort he then assisted in building, thence marched to Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] which fort he also assisted in building, after which he was permitted to return home having served his tour of three months, but he was not discharged until he reached said Martinsburg, where he received a written discharge signed by his Colonel John Morrow, having been served in said tour about \_\_\_\_

In September or the 1st of October 1781 he was again drafted at Berkeley County Virginia was mustered in the company first commanded by Captain Jackson & afterwards by Captain John Hart in the Regiment of Colonel Manyweathere [Meriwether?] the younger of two colonels having that name, that he marched first to Falmouth & there crossed the River upon the rocks at the Falls to Fredericksburg, thence down the River to the York side of Cornwallis' Army & remained on duty there until after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – he then marched as one of the guard a part of the prisoners until he reached the place a little above Williamsburg of which he does not know the name & was there discharged by a written discharge signed by Colonel Manyweathere having served his second tour of three months. Declarant was born at New Castle County Pennsylvania about Christmas, he does not know whether in December or January & he does not know the year but from the information of his parents he is satisfied that he shall be either seventy-two or seventy-three at the next Christmas – He has no record of his age – From his childhood until many years after the Revolution he resided in Berkeley County Virginia in about seven years in Washington County Pennsylvania, then removed to Muskingum County Ohio where he has resided about sixteen years last past. He has lost both the certificates of discharge which he received as aforesaid, not supposing them worth preserving – Reference in relation to the applicant's character & can be made to the following persons residing near Dresden Muskingum County of Ohio – \_\_\_\_

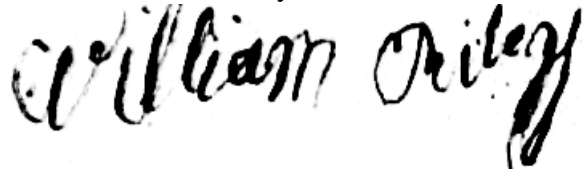
Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the

present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

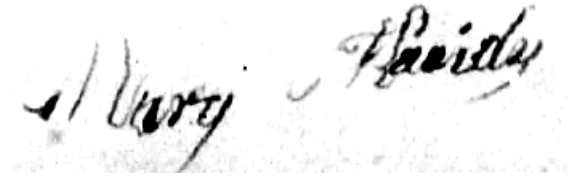
Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno. Wilson, Jr., Clerk

S/ William Riley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Riley".

[f p. 12: On November 15 1832 in Guernsey County of Ohio, Mary Kennedy gave testimony that she resided in Berkeley County Virginia during the revolution and that in the year 1778 her brother William Riley left home for the purpose of joining the Army and that she believes he served at that time about 3 months – that in 1781 William again entered the Army and she believes was absent about 3 months.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kennedy".

[Looks like "Mary Kanidy" to me.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]