Pension Application of John Morrison S45874
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State of Tennessee }
Greene County } September Term 1832
On this 7th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court it being the Circuit Court for the County of Green in said State holden by the Honorable Samuel Powell one of the Judges of said State John Morrison aged seventy five years a resident citizen of said County who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832
That in the year 1776 in the last of March he inlisted under John Joliff Lieutenant in the Company of Capt. Thomas Berry for the term of one year in Frederick County Virginia near Winchester in the 7th or eight [8th] Regiment of Virginia Troops commanded by Colo Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in General Lees [Charles Lee's] division. He remained some time at Winchester recruiting then marched to James Town on James River whilst there two English vessels came up the river in the night owing to the darkness of the night the vessels were not discovered til break of day The vessels passed up the River and took a vessel loaded with flour from the Americans Next night the vessels attempted to land down the river when a cannonade commenced between the troops on shore and the vessels, but none of the men on shore were hurt The troops then crossed the river to a Town called Cobham and remain there several weeks. He then marched to Halifax North Carolina and thence to Cross Creek [now Fayetteville] thence to Camden South Carolina thence to Charles Town South Carolina where they arrived the day after the battle of Sullivans Island [28 June 1776]. He then crossed the bay and went on the Island where they remained several weeks and then returned to Charleston and remained there until the last of August thence he marched to Georgia and went to Savanah [sic: Savannah] and thence to Sunsberry [sic: Sunbury] where nearly all the troops sickened and many died. He was taken sick and removed three miles out of Town and lay sick a long time when the weather became cool he recruited and he returned to his Colonel in Savanah being still weak and feeble only being able to travel three miles the first day the Colonel Furlowed the soldiers and he then had neither money or clothes he then sold his gun for money [see endnote] and went home. he left Savanah after frost. And when he got home his year was up and Term of service ended.
He never got a discharge and he has not any documentary evidence to prove his service. And he does not know of any person who can prove his service. There is not any minister in his vicinity who can certify for him

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pention roll of any State or agency of any State.

Sworn to in open Court the date above [signed] John Morrison
[Certified by Thomas Dodd and Wesley Morrison.]

NOTE: Morrison apparently supplied his own gun, which was probably a rifle rather than a government-issued musket.