

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Norris S4621

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 9 Dec 2020.

I William Norris a resident Citizen of the County of Coshocton in the State of Ohio U. S. A. do hereby state and declare that in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty I enlisted as a Private Soldier in the American Revolutionary War against the Common enemy Great Britain in Captain Oldams [sic: Conway Oldham BLWt503-300] Company, Col. Campbell's [Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] Regiment Seventh Virginia line for Eighteen Months. The first engage I was in was the Battle of Gifford Court House [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], the Second at Fort Campdon [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], both under the Command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. The next was at fort Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six SC also under Greene, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. the next was at the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], where I received a severe wound in my legg just above my ancle Bone. I was then sent to the Hospital at Charlotte. the Phisions who attended us, as well as I can recollect, was Doct. Jellett [probably Aaron Gillett or Elijah Gillett SC51] & Doct. Priscott [possibly Joseph Prescott], we was then removed down to Camdon, their I remained untill the third day of June in the year one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Two when I receive my discharge. I never have received any Pension from the U. S. on account of my wound having served in the above manner in the Revolutionary war Eighteen Months but was nearly two years before I got home. I have never recived my Pay and Pension from the united states, and my reduced Circumstances, I need the assistance from my Country for support. William hisXmark Norris [Certified by the court on 18 May 1818]

State of Ohio Coshocton County Sct.

October Term of the Court of Common pleas for said County Begun an held in and for said County on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1832. Before the Honorable Alexander Kacher president Judge and Mordicai Chalfant, Thomas Johnson and James Robinson Esq'rs Associate Judges. William Norris Sen'r. of said County aged 72 years, who being duly sworn in Open Court, doth on his Oath state that in Conformity with the Law of the United States of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 he was placed on the pension list, and that, since that time he has been stricken from the same and that his place of Residence is now in the County and state aforesaid, and the same place of residence that he was at his first application for a pension, & he further states that he Enlisted in the year 1780 at Winchester in the State of Virginia, as a private soldier in Capt Oldam Company, and served as such under Col. Campbell, he thinks in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Virginia line) under the Command of General Green. Said applicant was on the Pention Roll of the Ohio Agency & his pay certificate bore date 25th November 18[?] and his name was stricken from the Pention Roll in consequence, as he believes of his failing to exhibit to the Secretary of War a Schedule of his property according to the act of congress in such made & provided. Said Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not now on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

William hisXmark Norris

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

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miles of home, which distance I walk on my crutches, and arived home on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. I got my discharge when I lay at the hospital at Charlotte from Capt. Jewit [probably Robert Jouett] who took the command of our company after our [undeciphered] William hisXmark Norris  
[7 Dec 1830]

[The first part of the following is missing.]

him to be an honest industrious man and further state that I have been acquainted with two men who said that they knew he was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution I have also seen the wound in the Leg as stated in his certificate and believe his statement to be correct      Mordecai Chalfant

The Claim of Wm Norris for land as a soldier in the revolution in the Virginia State line is respectfully submitted to the executive upon his affidavit of his own service and the affidavit of Mordecai Chalfant as to his respectability and his belief of the truth of Norris' statement

It is hoped that this evidence from a poor soldier who has been a cripple ever since, will be sufficient particularly when he resides in a distant state unacquainted with the laws in this state and perhaps the only survivor from that bloody battle in which he was disabled.

4<sup>th</sup> March 1831

B. F. Michie for Wm Norris

1831 Apl 26 Rejected

1831 July 20 Rejected No evidence filed

NOTE: A note on Norris's pension certificate indicates that he died on 12 Aug 1833. A letter dated 17 Sep 1850 refers to heirs of Sarah Norris, widow of William Norris.