

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bazil Morris S5103

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State of Ohio Monroe County: SS

On this 21st day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas for said County now sitting Bazil Morris a Resident of Centre Township in said County of Monroe and State aforesaid 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service in the year 1778 as a Substitute for man whose name he has forgot full one month and served at Tomlinson's Fort under Lieutenant Robert Benom [?]. Afterwards he served one month more at Atkinson's Fort in the winter of 1779. That afterwards in the year 1780 he served as a Substitute for John Miller under Lieutenant Buckingham on Big Whiteley at Jarrett's Fort for one month and that he served two months more at the same place under David Enochs Captain James Seals Lieutenant as a Substitute for Archibald Morris in the same year of 1780 that afterwards in 1781 he served under Captain David Owens three months on the Ohio River near Wheeling – as a volunteer one month he served on Dunkerd Creek in Pennsylvania at Wooleys fort under Captain Henry Dickerson as a Substitute for James Galaspe [James Gillespie?] in the year 1784 that he served one month in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Crawford [William Crawford] and was in the battle commonly known by Crawford's Defeat [June 4-6, 1782] in the year 1782 and that further he was generally on Station guarding the frontier during the war of the Revolution sometimes at a Fort but generally Ranging through the woods after the Indians.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Question by the Court

1st where and in what year were you born

Ans. In Hampshire County Virginia March 2nd 1760

2nd Have you any Record of your age and if so what has become of it

Ans. I never had any Record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live. That he lived on 10 mile Creek generally when called into service – since the war has lived in Ohio County Virginia – then in Belmont County Ohio – then in Monroe County Ohio where I now live.

4th How were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

[Ans.] that he was a Substitute for 2 men at different times Dutch man with whom he was not

acquainted and has forgot their names and one a Substitute for John Miller and one for Archibald Morris and twice a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served Such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Service. That he knew Colonel McFarland, Colonel Williamson [probably David Williamson], Colonel Stokely – militia Officers

6. Did you ever receive a Discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

I never received a Discharge in writing

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of your Service as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Benjamin McCoy and Gideon Mason, John Huggins & John [illegible last name]

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Evan Rogers

S/ Bazel Morris, X his mark

[Gideon Mason, a clergyman, and John Huggins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Ohio Monroe County:

On this 9th day of March 1833 personally came before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges for the County aforesaid Bazel Morris a Revolutionary Soldier who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statements: that he will has no living witness to prove his Service nor does he know of any of live at present they can't be had, and that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades that all his Service was that of a private. I first served for one month – I served 2nd for one month. I served 3rd for one month. I served 4th for 2 months. I served 5th for 3 months. I served 6th for one month and I served 7th for one month and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Bazel Morris, X his mark

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died January 4, 1841, place not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]