

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Claiborne Morriss S5776

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State of Virginia County of King William

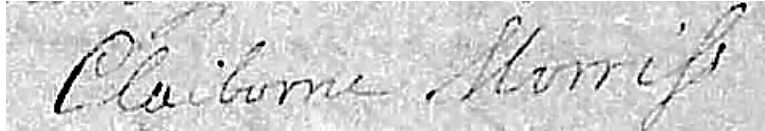
On this 3rd day of September 1832 appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of King William Claiborne Morris of the said County of King William aged seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he enlisted in the revolutionary War in the Year 1777 sometime in the fall for three years under Captain David Pannel¹ and marched to little York where he remained two or three months, from thence he marched to Hampton and remained there about six months, and marched back again to little York and remained some time; was then ordered to march to the South, but in consequence of becoming too weak he obtained a substitute, and returned home but so soon as he became able he marched as a militia Soldier under Captain Richard Dabney to little York where he remained in service five weeks and was discharged, but was called out again and marched back again to York under Captain Robert Drury and continued in service sometime (not recollected) was again discharged, but was ordered out again in a short time, and marched to York under Captain Richard Dabney and in some short time was for some cause (not now recollected) taken from under the command of Captain Dabney, and was put under Major Thomas Armstead [Thomas Armistead] and served about three or four weeks, was discharged, but did not remain at home long before he was again called out, and marched to York under Captain Mordecai Abrahams, where he remained sometime making in the whole about six months that he served as a militia Soldier and thirteen months as a regular soldier. He does not now recollect from whom he obtained his discharges nor does he know what became of them, but was regularly discharged he thinks in every instance; He was born in the County of Louisa and State of Virginia in the year 1752 the 8th day of March, and was a resident of the said County of King William when called into service ; has no record of his age, he has lived principally in the said County of King William ever since the revolutionary war – in which County he still continues to reside; he enlisted for three years service in the Virginia State line, as before stated; and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elias Edmunds of the County of Fauquier. He entered the service as a regular soldier as before stated, and served as such thirteen months as above mentioned; was drafted in every instance while in the militia service: in which he served six months, and for which he never received one cent of his pay. He has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any persons living who can testify positively to his time of service. He is known by the following named Gentlemen, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services and service of the revolution Baylor Hill, Robert Hill,

¹ Probably the same man as [David Pannell \(Pannill\) VAS117](#)

John Woollard, James Jones and several others. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to & scribes the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Claiborne Morriss

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Claiborne Morriss". The signature is written on a light-colored, textured paper.

[Thomas Dabney attested the application of the veteran.]

King William County to wit

This day appeared before me Thomas Dabney a Justice of the peace for the County of King William John Woollard² resident of the said County and made oath that he is well acquainted with Claiborne Morriss of the said County of King William, that he believes him to be 78 years old; that he enlisted in the revolutionary war in the Year 1777 sometime in the fall under Captain David Pannel and served in the regular service about twelve months as well as he can recollect; when he became sick or too weak to march to the South, and obtained a substitute; but that he the said Morriss afterwards served in the militia several tours, some of which tours he served with him, but does not know how long. That he thinks that the said Morriss must have served something like 6 or 7 months.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Thomas Dabney, JP

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died January 6, 1839 and that the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months in the Virginia service.]

² [John Woollard W2398](#)