

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Morrow S7253

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The State of Alabama, Lawrence County March Term Circuit Court 1833

On this the 22nd day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before me John White Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit of the State of Alabama, now sitting for the County of Lawrence aforesaid, David Morrow, a citizen of said County, aged 70 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 the 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: He entered the service as a volunteer private, two weeks after the fall of Savannah, which was in January 1779 – at the age of about seventeen, under Captain Philip Walker, of Colonel Winn's [John Winn's] Regiment – lived at that time in what was then called Craven, and now Chester District South Carolina – marched to Purysburg, joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and General Marion [Francis Marion], served two months and was then dismissed – in three weeks was drafted in the Militia, under Captain Philip Walker, in Colonel Simmons' Regiment – General Lincoln marched to a place called Black Swamp, retreated from there before General Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost], passed Julip-hiva [? Julep ?] bridge where we had a skirmish, where we had a skirmish with the British – he was drafted for three months, but served six before dismissed at Charleston – He volunteered the 1st June 1780, as well as he recollects, under Captain John McClure – had a skirmish at a place called the old fields, another at Mobley's meeting house [May 1780] – Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] then formed a flying camp – we fled to North Carolina, returned and defeated Hooks [sic, Huck] at Williamson's or Bratton's [July 12, 1780] – fought the British and Tories at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] – then to a place called hanging rock [August 6, 1780] – had a hard fight & Captain McClure was killed – then was attached to Captain Hugh Knox, Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] our Colonel – then went what was called the round with Sumter – attacked Friday's fort, Thompson's fort [Thomson's Plantation, February 22, 1781], and Jack's fort – this Tour under Knox was a three months tour – then entered the service under Captain Knox, & joined Sumter – was with him at his defeat at fishing Creek – which was on the 18th of August, 1780 – on the 1st September 1780, enlisted in Captain John Mills company of light Dragoons – Henry Hampton Colonel Sumter Commander in chief – we joined General Green [Nathanael Greene], and was under his Command at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – and was at the taking of Orangeburg [May 11, 1781]– we then marched into Georgia & were put under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] – remained there until our time expired, which was 10 months, then marched to Orangeburg and discharged – he has no record of his age, and does not know where it is, if there ever was any – he never had a written discharge, and has been unable to get the testimony

of any living witness, except Jacob Sutton,¹ whose deposition he refers to – the testimony that accompanied his first application he cannot get it, as he lives in this state, and had to go to South Carolina to get it before – he refers to the certificate of the Reverend William Jones, Dr. John H. Lawson & Mr. Benjamin Ellis as evidence of his Character. 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 – only on that of the State pension of South Carolina, which he expects to cease as he is out of that state.

That he Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Morrow



S/ John Gallagher, Clerk

Personally appeared in open Court, the above David Morrow, who being duly sworn, says that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service, but according to his best recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below – his first tour of service under Captain Walker two months – 2nd tour under Walker six months – 3rd under McClure two months – 4th under Knox three months – 5th under Captain Mills 10 months – in all 23 months & for such service I claim a pension.

That he Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year above.

S/ David Morrow

S/ John Gallagher, Clerk

Jacob Sutton states on oath that he was in the Army in South Carolina, that he went the campaign of six months mentioned in the above statement of David Morrow – saw the said Morrow at Black Swamp, and in the retreat to Charleston and knows he served six months before we were discharged – Said Morrow was a good soldier, and I believe from reports at the time that he was in the service most of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above stated in open Court.

S/ John Gallagher, Clerk

S/ Jacob Sutton, X his mark

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Ans 1st I was born in the State of Maryland in the year 1762.

Ans 2nd I have no record of my age

3rd I have detailed all I recollect of my service and residence in my declaration.

4 I was sometimes a volunteer & sometimes drafted

5 I recollect Generals Lincoln, Greene, Marion, Sumter, Wayne, Colonels Lacy, Simmons, Hampton & many others

6 I never received a discharge.

7 I am acquainted with Dr. John H. Lawson, Mr. Benjamin Ellis and the Reverend William Jones and most of the public men in the County – also Jacob Sutton, a revolutionary soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day above.

S/ David Morrow

S/ John Gallagher, Clerk

[William Jones, a clergyman, John H. Lawson and Benjamin Ellis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1 [Jacob Sutton W11577](#)

[p 12: On June 26, 1839 in Fayette County Mississippi, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefits to the Mississippi agency giving as his reasons for removing from Alabama to Mississippi "... His children with whom he lives being old and infirm thought it would be to their interests to remove to the new country lately purchased from the Chickasaw Indians in Mississippi where they could obtain land at a low rate and he not willing to be separated from them consequently removed with them."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$85 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 21 months as a private in the South Carolina militia, 10 months of which he served in the cavalry and 13 months he served in the infantry.]