

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Morris S9036

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Ohio Warren County: SS

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in the County of Warren aforesaid, Reuben Morris resident of Union Village in the said County, aged 76 years who being duly affirmed, according to law, doth, on his solemn affirmation make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: that at the commencement of the revolutionary War he resided in Orange County, State of Virginia & in the year 1776 enlisted in the Army of the United States for the term of one year under Captain John Green in whose Company Richard Taylor was the first Lieutenant, John Ustridge [?] was Second Lieutenant & John Lee was Ensign; – that this Company belonged to the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Patrick Henry & afterwards by Colonel Christy [William Christian]; that he was marched to Williamsburg where he remained a few months, in which period he reenlisted for two years to go on board of a privateer, serving as a Marine under Captain John Lee during the term of about one year & a half; that he then accepted an offer to enlist for three years in the Land Service & on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1777 was enrolled under Captain John Willis, & Lieutenant Benjamin Holmes of the Second Virginia Regiment & was marched to Williamsburg & was stationed there till the first day of March 1778; thence was marched with the Regiment to Baltimore, thence by sea to the Eastern Shore of Maryland; thence to New Castle, in the State of Delaware; that he lay there ill with the Small Pox & Camp fever & was otherwise absent on furlough for about three months, after which he rejoined the main Army on the day they marched through Philadelphia to meet the British at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], that he was in the Brandywine Battle & in the retreat to Germantown & also in the Germantown Battle [October 4, 1777] & through all the succeeding maneuvers until the Army was conducted to winter quarters at the Valley Forge; that he remained there until the following June; was then marched to Monmouth, – there overtook the British & was in the battle fought there in June 1778 [June 28, 1778]; that thence he was marched back, – crossed the North River at King's ferry & marched on to the White Plains; that he remained there several weeks; that their Brigade was then marched to new work & stationed there till about Christmas, – thence conducted to Head quarters at Middlebrook, there remained till the first of June, when a Company of volunteers was raised under Colonel Anthony Wayne in to which Company this applicant entered & was marched to a place on the North River called Plank-house-point & thence to the storming in taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], after which this applicant, with others returned to their respective Regiments, & that on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September following he was discharged by Captain William Taylor under the signature of Colonel Christian Febiger. This Applicant further states that sometime in the beginning of June 1781 he again entered the service as a substitute for Thomas Davis & served under Captain Richard Webb, the

first Lieutenant of whose Company was William Young belonging to the Regiment in which George Stubblefield was first & Edward Spencer was the second Colonel of the Brigade commanded by General Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens]; that he was marched to Hillsboro then to Rugeley's mill in South Carolina where his Company was joined to General Gates's Army, thence after the battle of Camden [August 15-16, 1780] he was marched back to Hillsborough in North Carolina, & from thence was sent on duty to Richmond in Virginia, where he received a furlough from Governor Thomas Jefferson to go home for his mentor close & Gates's Army being defeated & disbanded General Stephens returned home & gave said Applicant his discharge about a month before his term of service was ended. This Applicant further states that sometime in March 1782 he again entered the service as a substitute for one \_\_\_ Lowe of Spotsylvania County for the term of two months & served out that term at Williamsburg & elsewhere under a Militia Captain whose name is not recollected belonging to a Regiment in the Brigade of General Lafayette. That afterwards in the summer of the same year he again served as a substitute for one month in the room of one whose name is not recollected, & then engaged for two months as a substitute for one whose name is also forgotten, under Colonel John Slaughter, & served 15 days & by hiring a substitute for the remainder of the term got a final discharge from Colonel John Slaughter – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. K. Wilds, Clk.

S/ Reuben Morris~~on~~, X his mark

[p 11: There is a supplemental declaration made by the veteran which appears on this page but the image of it is very compromised and difficult to decipher. I believe that I can extract from it the material information summarized as follows: the veteran states that there is no clergyman to whom he is personally known in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character; the veteran states that he knows of no one by whom he can prove his service; that he was born in Culpepper County Virginia on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1756; that he is now in his 78 year of his age; that he has no record of his age in his possession; that said record was left in Virginia with his brother (unnamed); he gives the names of a number of his neighbors who can testify as to his character. He signed this document with his mark and it is dated May 29, 1833. Nathan Sharp and Joshua Worley [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2-page file under "John Morriss"

Reuben Morris Soldier of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment having served the full time for which he was enlisted is hereby discharged from the service. Given under my hand at the [illegible] this 30<sup>th</sup> day of [illegible]

S/ Wm Woodford, B. G.