

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Morrisson [Morrison] W1455 Rachel Morrison f32
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State of Tennessee, County of Dickson} SS County Court of Dickson July Term 1833

This day being the first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting William Morrison a resident & inhabitant of said County of Dickson and State aforesaid aged Seventy five years he 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 & served as herein stated, that is to say:

On the 8th day of March in the year 1779 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Joseph White attached to a Regiment of North Carolina Militia he does not recollect the name or number of the Regiment. General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was commander in chief of the Regular Troops Charles McDowell who was Colonel & afterwards was General of Militia the Colonel's name he does not remember but one James Barr was as he thinks he is Major & Captain Benjamin Hardin was the Captain after White: that he resided in Burke County in the State of North Carolina and was enrolled in Mecklenburg County in the Town of Charlotte in said State. From thence he was marched to a place called Horse neck [?] on the Savannah River in the State of South Carolina near which place General Ash [sic, John Ashe] had been defeated [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] where we had expected to meet the British but when we arrived there they had decamped; from thence we marched to Edisto River near the Edisto Mills, where we expected to find the British, but they had again decamped. From thence we were marched to Bacons Bridge some short distance from Charleston in South Carolina, where we lay perhaps two weeks & were attacked by a scouting party commanded by man by the name of McGirt [Daniel McGirt] in the night time who was defeated by us – we afterwards marched to the place where the Stono Battle was fought [June 20, 1779] under Captain Parson whose Christian name was Major & who belonged to the State of South Carolina from thence we were marched to Bacons Bridge where we were dismissed in the month of June of the same year & I returned home which I reached some time in the last of June or the first of July having been out four months. Again in the month of January 1780 I joined Captain Robert Patton's Company of the North Carolina Militia in Burke County of which Company Thomas Hemphill was Lieutenant & David McClusky [?] Ensign, the names of the other officers I do not now recollect, we were marched down to Moncks Corner in the State of South Carolina about 33 miles North of Charleston, there we joined General Eugee [sic, Isaac Huger] at Winbow [?] Church one mile from Moncks Corner where on the 14th day of April of

the last mentioned year we were attacked by the British under the command of Major Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] & Captain Dunlap [James Dunlap] & Defeated. From thence we escaped to Lenud's Ferry [Leneud's Ferry] on the Santee River. I then left the Company of Patton being dispersed and joined Colonel Washington [William Washington] about the 22nd of April 1780 & continued to serve in his corps until the month of June. From Lenud's ferry I went in said corps of Col. Washington's to near Fayetteville in the State of North Carolina at which place I joined the militia under General Charles McDowell & acted in the capacity of issuing commissary until we reached Charlotte in Mecklenburg County & from thence we marched to Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County where we engaged and routed a body of Tories (commanded by Colonel John Moore) [Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780]. This engagement took place as well as I can recollect sometime about the 20th of June in the year 1780 a few days after I joined the Company of Captain Jonathan Kemp [aka, Jonathan Camp] & marched back to Burke County under command of Colonel Joseph McDowell where we remained as well as I can remember about 13 days & I continued to serve in said company until the eighth of September 1780 when I was discharged & his written discharge is herewith transmitted.¹ About this time Major Ferguson had advanced up into Burke County & I having after my discharge by Captain Kemp attached myself to Captain Sam Woods' [Samuel Woods'] Company of North Carolina Militia was marched against him – we engaged him on the top of Allen's Mountain where he was defeated and Captain Dunlap killed – from thence we marched over the Mountains to Holston River where we were reinforced by the Western troop under the command of Colonel William Campbell from thence we returned & marched to Kings Mountain to which place Ferguson had retreated & rallied his forces [Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780] – there we again engaged & defeated them in this engagement Ferguson was himself killed & near 1000 prisoners were taken. This was as near as I can recollect about the month of November 1780 & John McDowell was my Captain in place of Captain Samuel Woods [who had] resigned – upon this last tour I was in service 2 ½ months.

~~About the month of [illegible]~~ I then joined a Company of South Carolina Militia under the command of Captain Major Parsons was marched into South Carolina & continued with him until the 20th of January when I was discharged after having served two months. In March 1781 we got up a volunteer Company & joined the Main body of North Carolina Militia at a place called the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River in the State of North Carolina at which place I was taken with the small pox & was unable to proceed any further, but after a lingering illness & two months & a half absence from home I reached my place of residence about the middle of May. This was the last service that I performed against the British during the War. I was afterwards as well as before in some excursions & campaigns against the Indians & Tories but does not consider it material to give a narrative of them I will now briefly recapitulate according to the best of my recollection the length of time which I served upon each tour against the enemy, to wit: under J. White until June 1779 four months. Under Captain Patton from first of January to the 22nd of April 1780 three and one half months. Then under Washington two months. Then with Captain Kemp until the ninth of September 1780 three months – with Woods & McDowell upwards of two months. Under Captain Parsons from November until January 1781 two months – then from the first of March 1781 to the middle of May two months & one half amounting in all nineteen months. That in every tour in which he was engaged he served as a volunteer, was never drafted nor was he a substitute for another he cannot remember the names of all the officers under whom he served upon his various campaigns & it is possible some of those named

¹ The file does not contain this document.

may be incorrectly named, from insufficient recollection of most of minor importance after so great a lapse of time.

This applicant says he has no documentary evidence in his possession other than the discharge herewith exhibited he thinks & knows he had other discharges but he is never considered them of importance & they are now lost or mislaid. The one which he produces was preserved rather by accident than by reason of any belief of its importance or value.

He was born in Roan [sic Rowan] County North Carolina on the fifth day of August 1757 as appears by a record of his age in his father's Bible (which is now produced & exhibited in Court). He resided in Burke County North Carolina until 1796. He then removed to Sumner County Tennessee lived there three years then removed to Jackson County where he still lives in Tennessee. For witness of his character & veracity he refers to his neighbors whose certificates are exhibited. He relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He further states that he knows of only one person who is acquainted with his service as a soldier in the revolutionary war, whose name is William Jewell who lives in the County of Davidson in this State he served one tour with him, he has produced Jewell's affidavit which is hereto annexed.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year first before written.

S/ William Morrisson

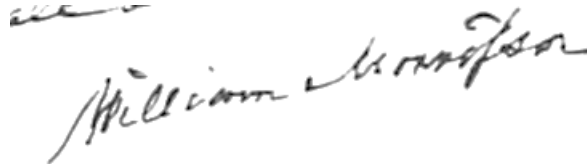


S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

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In addition to the preceding declaration the said William Morrison further declares, that the same was drawn up under the belief that he was not entitled to any compensation for the several militia tours performed by him at various times against the Indians & Tories & now further declares that in the year 1777 & ~~1778~~, he served four months against the Indians on the Frontiers of North Carolina & in the year 1778 he served ten months on the Frontiers, their time was principally occupied in guarding the frontiers & remaining in the Block houses or Forts watching the movements of the enemy & guarding the frontiers from their incursions -- & in the year 1781 he performed another tour of three months against the Indians, & Tories on the frontiers of the State having served the United States in all over three years.

S/ William Morrisson



Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 1st July 1833

S/ Field Farrar, Clerk

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State of Tennessee Dickson County: July Term 1833

William Jewell² citizen of Davidson County personally appeared in open Court & being duly sworn upon his oath declares that he was well acquainted with William Morrison before the Revolutionary & entered the public service on the same day & in the same company & performed with him the tour of duty first described in the preceding declaration -- he also served with him in the campaign at the Battle of Kings Mountain & he also served with him and one or two tours against the Indians on the frontiers & he now knows the present applicant & knows him to be the same individual who performed the services during the revolutionary war.

S/ Wm Jewell



[William S. Mosley, a clergyman and John Nisbett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[pp 15-16 original bible records]

Marriages

William Morrison and Rachel Patton was married October 23 1783

Joshua Weakley and Mary Morrison daughter to William Morrison and Rachel was married the 27th of April 1805

Robert Patterson and Rachel Morrison Daughter to William and Rachel Morrison was married January the 6th 1813

Robert Nolin and Charity Morrison was married November 18th 1819

William Morrison Junior and Naomi Knight was married September the 11th 1823

Robert Dickson and Peggy Morrison was married November the 9th 1823

Sandy D. Richardson and Elizabeth M. Nolin was married November this 18th AD 1835

W. M. Patterson and E. M. Richardson was married December 29 1836

Births

William Morrison was born August the 5 1757

Rachel Morrison was born October the 17th in the year 1760

Mary Morrison was born August the 7th 1784

The Charity Morrison was born Marched the 15th 1786

Peggy Morrison was born July the 5th 1789

Thomas Morrison was born Made the 8th 1791

Nancy Jean Morrison was born September the 4th 1824

Rachel Morrison was born February the 8th 1793

Elizabeth Morrison was born January the 16th 1795

Jean Morrison was born February the 10th 1797

William Morrison was born February 28th 1799

Andrew Jackson Weakley to Joshua and Mary Weakley Was Born the 12th of December 1814

Melinda Betsey Nolin was born November the 4th 1821

Rachel Patton Patterson was born March 17th 1825 died in 1826

[p 18: On June 14, 1839, in Dickson County, Tennessee, Rachel Morrison, 79, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of William Morrison; that she became acquainted

² [William Jewel S1837](#)

with him in Burke County North Carolina where they both lived prior to their marriage; that they were married in the year 1783 but she cannot recollect the precise time; that their Bible record of their marriage as well as the births of their children was given to her son William who now resides in the Western district of Tennessee but that she can speak confidently of the approximate date of her marriage from the date of the births of their oldest child Mary Weekly who was born August 7th 1784; that her husband died August 3 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 19, on June 14, 1839, in Dickson County Tennessee, Mary Weakly, the daughter of Rachel and William Morrison gave an affidavit in support of her mother's application for a widow's pension. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]