

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morris W18530

Lucy Morris

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State of Virginia, Louisa County to wit:

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the county court of Louisa in open court John Morris, of the County of Louisa and state of Virginia aged seventy ~~seven~~ years who being just and duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by act of Congress passed June 7 1832; that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 with Lieutenant Anderson Thompson, and served in the Regiment of Guards that guarded General Burgoyne's captured army at Albemarle Barracks, commanded by Col. Francis Taylor & Col. William Fountain, Major John Roberts, Captain Robert Barret [could be Basset, or Bennett], Lieutenant Anderson Thompson, Ensign Samuel O. Peters and Ensign John Winston.

That he belonged to Captain Robert Barret's company and that the other officers recollected commanding companies were Captain Benjamin Timberlake, Capt. Bumley [Garland Burnley], Capt. Burton and Capt. Potter, that enlisted in the service about February 1779 and served till about April 1781 when he was discharged at Winchester in Virginia. He received a written discharge but does not know what has become of it; that he resided in the County of Hanover when he enlisted, that he has since the War resided in the county of Louisa. That he never was in an engagement during the war; that after his enlistment he went to Albemarle Barracks from there he went with the army across Rock Fish Gap through Augusta to Gilberts Mountain in the County of Rockingham, he then returned to the Barracks in Albemarle and remained there a short time and then marched with the army through the counties of Orange, Culpepper and Fauquier, to the town of Winchester where he remained a short time and then went on to a little town called Bath or Warm Springs, where he continued some time with the army and then marched down the south side of the Potomac River to a point not now recollected; that he was very sick whilst at Bath & unable to do duty for some time; that he finally got well and joined his company again, and marched to Martinsburg and Sheppard's Town [Shepherdstown] and then to Winchester where he was discharged as before stated. He further declares that he was born as he has been informed in the county of King & Queen, that whilst he was very young his father removed to Hanover County and died whilst he was yet very young, that he has no register of his age and from the circumstances as above stated he cannot say on which day or year he was born but from the best information he has been able to get, he believes he is now in his seventieth year, that his mother died about six months after his father. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state whatever:

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ John Morris, X his mark

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the said above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

S/ James Maha [?], J. P.

[p 5: On September 14, 1840 in Louisa County Virginia, Lucy Morris, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Morris; that she married him March 3, 1789, 90 or 91; that her husband died December 27, 1834. She signed her application with her mark]

[p 9: Copy of a marriage bond dated February 23, 1791 issued in Louisa County Virginia to John Morriss [sic] & Thomas Dunn conditioned upon the marriage of John Morris and Lucy Walker.]

[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. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836.]