

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Arnold Norris W3710

Elizabeth Norris

MD

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Ohio }

Ross County ss }

On this 10th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County now sitting Arnold Norris a resident of Deerfield Township in said County aged seventy one 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 from the most authentic information he can procure, being his recollection of having seen his age recorded in a book that was his father's, he was born in St Mary's County Maryland, on the 25th day of June 1761 where he lived at the commencement of the revolutionary War, from which place he was drafted into the Militia of the United States for a tour of nine months in the spring of the year 1781 under Lt Col'l Barns – he was then sent to Annapolis and placed in a Company of regular troop belonging to the 4th Maryland regiment commanded by John Maingers as Captain, and Major Rocksburgh [sic: Alexander Roxburgh], from thence he was marched to York Town in Virginia, and continued on duty; he was in the battle where Corn Wallace was taken [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and continued there some time, after which he was sent with the British prisoners to Frederick Town, where his tour of nine months expired, and he was discharged after having returned his musket to Annapolis – he then returned home to St Mary's County, Maryland, where he remained a few years, then removed to Berkeley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia, from thence, about fifteen years since he removed to the vicinity where he now lives. That he has no documentary evidence of the aforesaid facts, that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify, directly, to his service. H 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.

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Land Office; Annapolis; February 22nd 1833;

I Certify that it appears by a Militia pay roll; remaining in this office; endorsed; "An Alphabetical List of Discharged Soldiers of the two Battalions of Militia raised to serve 9 months; or until the 10th of December 1781;" That the name of Arnold Norris, appears upon said roll to have been discharged, and received on the 3rd of December 1781; £19.18.4 George G. Brewer/ Reg't. L'd. Off. W. S. Md.

NOTE: On 14 Aug 1782 Elizabeth Norris, 76, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Arnold Norris by Rev. Dennis Cabal in Winchester VA on 12 April 1795, and her husband died on 3 Aug 1836. She described her husband as follows: "about five feet nine inches high of dark complexion. Eyes nearly hazel. Hair nearly black in early life, but grey at the time he made his application for a pension." The file contains a copy of the license dated 10 April 1795 for the marriage of Arnold Norris and Elizabeth Paine, both of Berkeley County.