

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Morris¹ W4038

Sally Morris

f46VA

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Rutherford County State of North Carolina

On this 13th day of July A.D. 1830 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the Of Rutherford and State aforesaid being a court of record and proceeding according to the course of the common law and having a jurisdiction unlimited in amount and [indecipherable word] a record of its proceedings Micajah Morris resident in said County aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law in open court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Micajah Morris enlisted for the term of two years sometime in the year 1776 (the time he is unable to designate more particularly) in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Spencer [probably Joseph Spencer in the Regiment [probably the 7th Virginia Regiment] commanded by Colonel Nelson [probably William Nelson] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in 1778 when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge above Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia and that the reason he has not made an earlier application unwilling this so to do unless compelled by his necessities – he further states that in the course of his service he was in the engagements at Morristown – Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] – was wounded and confined for the space of 27 days

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property [p 21]

One stock of sheep which has gradually declined and become extinct without transfer to any other individual – 2 mares & 2 Colts died – without transfer his option sold under execution by James Carson sheriff to satisfy a debt due the executors of one Aikens for a cow & purchased at

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the sale of Aikens the state as per certificate 2 cows sold by me at private sale in further satisfaction of said debt

Sworn to and declared on the 13th day of July A.D. 1830 before the justices of the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Rutherford

S/ Rob. McAfee, Moses Logan, and Rob. A. Pilson, Esqrs.

Schedule of Micajah Morris

one tract of land 90 acres value \$80

18 shoats, 3 plows – 2 hoes, one wheel & cards, one pot, one oven, Fort split bottom chairs – one gun

S/ Micajah Morris, X his mark

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Rutherford County State of North Carolina: On the 13th day of December A.D. 1830 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Rutherford and State aforesaid being a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of the Common Law having jurisdiction unlimited to amount and keeping a record of its proceedings Micajah Morris after being duly sworn and Open Court in addition to his former affidavit saith that he cannot recollect the Christian name of Nelson or of Spencer – but shortly after he went into the service Garland Burnley who was the first Lieutenant took the command of the company the reason he recollects his name is that he was well acquainted with him before he enlisted that he belonged to the Infantry of the Continental establishment. That he lost all his papers in making his escape from the Tories in North Carolina that he is entirely illiterate not capable to keep any accounts.

S/ Micajah Morris, X his mark

[p 30: On April 30, 1844 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Sally Morris, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of Micajah Morris a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him in February 1790; that her husband died December 25, 1839 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 24: On August 2nd, 1848 in Macon County North Carolina, Sally Morris, aged about 80, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Micajah Morris, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1790; that he died in 1839 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: Family record: [damaged]

Sary Moose [sic] was Born July the

And was Married to Caja Morris February 1790

William Morris their first son the 21st 1792

Aaron Morris their second son the 11th 1798

Sally Moore was Born July the
And was Married to Gaja Morris.
February - 1790
William Morris third first son
the 21st - 1792
Aaron Morris third second son
the 11th - 1793

[p 6: Copy of a marriage bond issued to Micajah Morris & Richard Dockerty February 2, 1790 in Rutherford County North Carolina conditioned upon the marriage of Micajah Morris to Sally Moore of said County.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 20, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$80 per year but was increased to \$96 per year commencing July one, 1848.]