

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Linvill (Linville) W5321 Mary Linville f65GA
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State of Georgia Lincoln County:

Personally appeared before me Thomas Curry one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Lincoln County it being a Court of Record with unlimited Jurisdiction, William Linville, a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Seventy-five years the 23rd day of November next, according to the information handed to him (he having no family record) by his parents, and who is so infirm and decrepit as to prevent his attending Court in person, and who being 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, and served as herein stated. On the 8th day of January 1777, in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia where deponent was born & lived at that date, he enlisted under a Lieutenant John Cunningham of Captain Benjamin Porter's Company for 3 years under the command of Colonel Samuel Elbert, and marched soon after to the State of Georgia.

Soon after was marched to Midway Meeting House [November 22, 1778] where an engagement with the British in which General Screven [James Screven] was killed,¹ was marched to Savannah, was there at the Surrender of the place by General How [sic, Robert Howe] to the British General Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost] or Campbell [Archibald Campbell][December 29, 1778]², deponent do not recollect which. He was also at the engagement at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]³ with the British & Tories. General Ashe [John Ashe] was commander was defeated and Colonel Elbert taken prisoner. Deponent was also in the engagement at the Siege of Savannah [September 16 – October 9, 1779]⁴ General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & Count d'Estaing in command, which ended in a repulse to the Americans. Soon after this engagement deponent was marched to Augusta where he received a discharge from Lieutenant Francis Tennell, the 20th of December 1780 having continued from the 8th of February to 20th of December of that year longer than the time of enlistment by agreement.

Deponent further states that he was marched to various post, and on many excursions whilst in the Army which he has not mentioned having no engagements thought it unnecessary to state the different encampments, and various movements of the detachment in which there was

¹ http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMM8BK_James_Screven_Daniel_Stewart_Monument_Midway_GA

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/781229-savannah/>

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

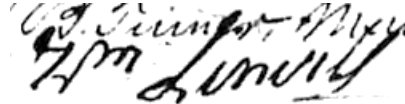
⁴ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

no engagement he having remained attached to the same Company.

Deponent further swears that his discharge received has long since been lost nor does he have any documents to prove his service, nor is there any living witness within his knowledge & reach by whom he can prove his Actual service except by B. Porter's certificate deponent has resided in the State of Georgia ever since the Revolutionary War & the most of the time in Wilkes County (with the exception of some short periods of time he resided in South Carolina) and that part of Wilkes which is now Lincoln County. He has never received a pension, nor is his name on any Agency of any State whatever, and hereby relinquishes all pensions or annuity whatever except the present.

Deponent was promised pay at the rate of \$8 per month and by the Reverend James B. Turner, Mark Shipp & Charles Jennings prove his standing.

S/ Wm Linvill



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of October 1832

S/ Thomas Curry, JIC

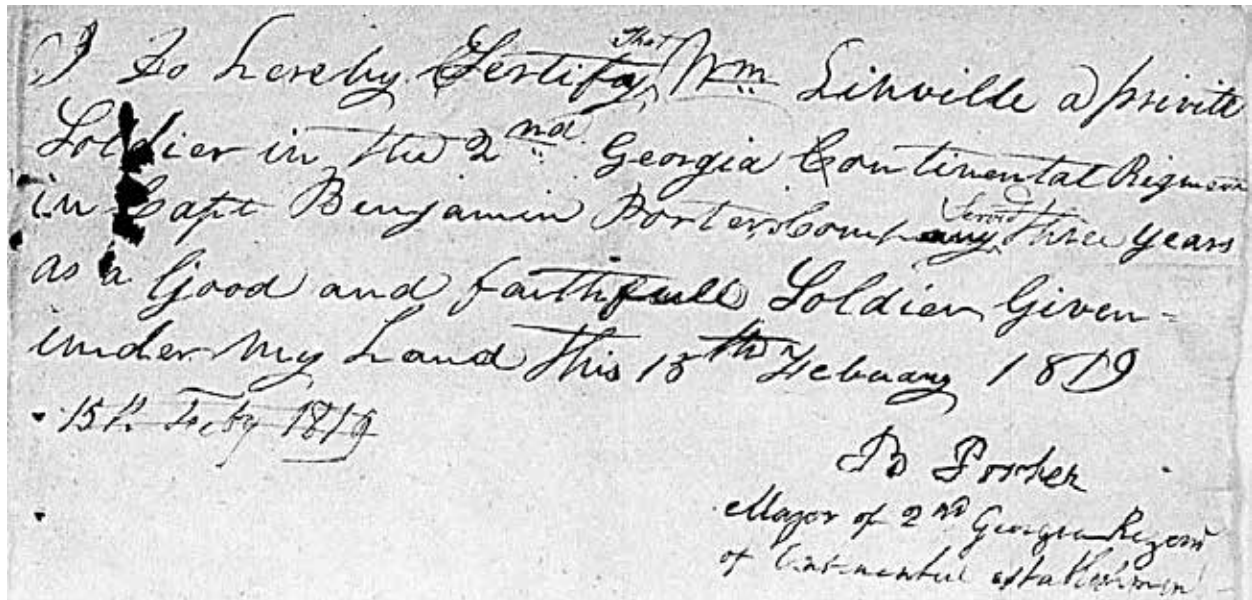
[Reverend James B. Turner, Mark Shipp and James Jennings gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I do hereby Certify [sic] That William Linville a private Soldier in the 2nd Georgia Continental Regiment in Captain Benjamin Porter's Company ^{Served} three years as a Good and faithful Soldier Given under my hand this 15th of February 1819.

S/ B. Porter [Benjamin Porter]

Major of 2nd Georgia Regiment
of Continental establishment



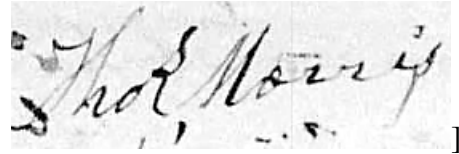
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[p 11: On October 31, 1843 in Lincoln County Georgia, Mary Linville, 74, filed for a widow's

pension stating that she is the widow of William Linville; that she married him June 29, 1788 to the best of her recollection having no family record of her marriage; that they were married in the state of Georgia, Wilkes County; the marriage was performed by Henry Ware, JP; that her husband died November 30, 1842 and that she remains his widow. She states that she is now poor, blind and helpless. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On 1845, Thomas Morris, a citizen of Edgefield District South Carolina, gave testimony in Lincoln County Georgia that he is the brother of Mary Linville widow of William Linville; that he was about 12 years old at the time William Linville married Mary Morris.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Morris". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid. The signature is written on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper background. There are some faint, illegible markings below the signature, possibly a date or other text, but they are not clearly legible. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[Facts in file: Mary Morris was the daughter of Edward Morris of Edgefield District, South Carolina; she was born May 17, 1770; she states in one of her documents that she never had any children; Thomas Morris was a Baptist minister in 1845.]

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