

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Morrow W7482

Lydia Morrow

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District of New Jersey Sussex County:

On this 24th day of February in the Term of February in the year of our Lord 1821 -- personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas holden at Newton in and for the County of Sussex -- the said Court being a Court of record possessing a seal proceeding according to the course of the Common Law -- having a jurisdiction unlimited in point of Amount keeping a record of its proceedings and its Judgments being reversible by writ of error only -- Samuel Morrow aged 72 years resident in the Township of Montague in the said County of Sussex who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit 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 the 18th day of March 1818 and of the Supplement thereto passed the first day of May 1820

That he enlisted as a private in the year 1777 in the first company commanded by Captain Smith [Robert Smith] and belonged to the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina Infantry. That he Serve until the year 1783 in the Continental Army and was then duly discharged by Colonel Clark [Thomas Clark], which said discharge is now lost. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and several others that all the Testimony he is at present able to produce is the deposition of James Mathews and Abraham Parkhurst¹ both soldiers of the revolutionary Army with whom he was acquainted. And 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 I am by occupation a Cordwainer [?]² but by reason of my age am unable thereby to procure for myself a sufficient support that my family consists of a wife Lydia aged about 78 and two grandchildren Samuel

¹ FPA S34465 (only claimed service in the north)

² *Cordwainer* [someone who makes new shoes from new leather]

aged about 11 years and Lydia aged about 6 years, all of whom cannot afford the much assistance -- and the deponent considers himself and such Indigent Circumstances as to be unable to Support his said family without the assistance of his Country except by Public or private Charity.

S/ Samuel Morrow³

Sworn and declared in open Court the 24th day of February 1821 before
S/ John Gustin

Schedule of property referred to in the foregoing deposition of Samuel Morrow
(necessary clothing & bidding for himself and family excepted) --

1 iron pot	1 keeler [?]	2 Tin pails
1 do kettle	1 stone pot	1 tin canister
1 do Small	1 earthen do	1 Server
1 frying pan	1 barrel	1 Tin pail (large)
1 Shovel & Tongs	2 ½ do	1 2t Jug
1 pair hand Irons	1 Spinning wheel	1 Bottle
2 Trammels	2 Reel	1 Morter
1 old Table	1 Swill pail	1 Iron Bakepan
1 chest	1 soap tub	3 tin cups
2 wash tubs	1 bread Trough	5 knives & 4 forks
2 wash tubs	5 earthan bowls	1 beller & churn
3 water pails	1 tea pot	5 old chairs
1 Small do	4 Earthan platters	1 Griddle
	12 Earthan plates	

Real property this deponent saith that he hath none nor any interest in any.

S/ Samuel Morrow

Sworn and subscribed in open Court this 24th day of February 1821 before
S/ John Gustin [who values the property at \$13]

New Jersey Sussex County

Be it remembered that on this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord 1821 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Sussex, James Mathews who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he was acquainted with Samuel Morrow the above named deponent at Valley Forge, Brandywine, Monmouth and White Plains that he the said Samuel was a Corporal in the revolutionary war in the Continental Army in Captain Stolls [sic, John Gambier Scull's] Company in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina troops commanded by Colonel Clark and that he served 2 years in the Army aforesaid and further this deponent saith not.

S/ James Mathews, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed in open Court this 24th day of February A.D. 1821 before
S/ John Gustin

New Jersey Sussex County:

Be it remembered that on this 24th day of February A.D. 1821 -- personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County Abraham Parkhurst who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he was

³ Not the veteran's actual signature

acquainted with Samuel Morrow the above named deponent at Light Claims in Westchester County in the State of New York in the year 1779 or 1780 that he was a Corporal in the southern troops and that he served in the Army of the revolution in the Continental establishment for one year to the knowledge of this deponent and further he saith not.

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 24th day of July 1821 before.

S/ John Gustin

S/ Abraham Parkhurst

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 2nd May 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Samuel Morrow a Corporal in Captain Smith's company of the 4th Regiment was mustered on the 1st day of May 1776 for 3 years, that he was a private in June 1778 and discharged on the 14th of May 1779.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 8: On May 8, 1838 in Sussex County New Jersey, Lydia Morrow, 92, filed for a widow's pension saying she is the widow of Samuel Morrow; "That she has been informed & believes that her said husband entered the Army of the United States in the State of South Carolina [sic] of which State he was then a resident & served in the Army until his time of enlistment expired, when he was discharged as she has been informed at or near the State of New York, that her said husband then became a resident of the town County & State aforesaid & served first under Captain Harker who was a Captain of militia of said County & afterwards under Captain Bonnell [James Bonnell] of the same place, that her said husband served as she has been informed & believes as a Sergeant under Captain Bonnell at Chamber's Fort Kortright Fort & Westbrook's Fort along the Delaware River on the confines of the State of New Jersey & New York...."; that she married her husband on the first Tuesday in March of the year 1780 at Kortright's Fort; that they were married by Henry Kortright, JP; that her name before her marriage was Lydia Decker; that her husband died December 29th 1822; that her husband at the time of his death was a pensioner of the United States; that she has remained his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: On May 5, 1838 in Sussex County New Jersey, Mary Westbrook, being in her 72nd year of her age, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Samuel Morrow a soldier in the New Jersey militia who was often at the affiant's Father's Fort as a militia man during the latter part of the war; that the said Samuel Morrow was married to Lydia Decker by Henry Kortwright at said Fort now in the town of Montague, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey about the first of March 1780; that the veteran was several times at the affiant's Father's Fort as a militia man under Captain Bonnell after his marriage to Lydia Decker.


Mary Westbrook]

[p 6: On May 5, 1838 in Sussex County New Jersey, Nancy Mulliner, gave testimony that she was married to Solomon Morrow, her 1st husband, who was the son of Samuel & Lydia Morrow;

that she was well acquainted with Samuel & Lydia Morrow; that the veteran served in the militia under Captain Bonnell; that the affiant often heard the veteran say he came from South Carolina [sic] in the regular Army. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 24, 1821, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$93.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service for 8 months as a Sergeant in for 16 months as a private, all in the North Carolina Continental line.]