

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morrow W9209

Mary Morrow

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South Carolina Chester District} SS

Before the undersigned Magistrate personally appeared Major John Walker, and being sworn doth depose and say --

That he has been personally and intimately acquainted with Mary Morrow, late of Chester District, deceased wife and widow of John Morrow, whose heirs are now applicants for a pension, since his earliest recollection, having been born and raised within 3 miles of the said Mary Morrow, and knows that her older children were some 5 or 6 years older than himself -- that he, deponent, is now in the seventy second year of his age. -- He knows that John Morrow, the husband of said Mary Morrow, was always regarded by his neighbors as a good soldier in the Army of the revolution, both in the Militia and State Troop -- Captain Mills' [John Mills'] Company; Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment; -- Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade: and that said John Morrow, as this deponent has always understood and believes, was killed or died in the service some time before the close of the War. This Deponent knows that the said Mrs. Mary Morrow has drawn an Annuity from the State of South Carolina on account of the services and death of her husband and as he thinks, since the year 1784 or 1785. He further knows that David Morrow, Mary Morrow, Sarah Morrow, and Robert Morrow, and Abraham McCullough Esquire are now her only surviving children.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th July 1849

S/ C. Davis Melton, Magt. CDSC

S/ John Walker

[p 4: Major John Kennedy, 74, gave an almost identical affidavit dated July 13, 1849 in Chester County.]

[p 4: Peter Wylie, Esquire, 72, of Chester District South Carolina gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he has always understood and believes that John Morrow "was killed at Dorchester SC whilst a member of the State Troops, and the line of his duty, under an enlistment of 10 months, whilst attempting to draw the enemy into an ambush laid before them by the officers in command;...."]

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State of South Carolina York District

On this the 13th day of November in the year 1846, personally appeared, before the Court of Common Pleas for York District, Robert Morrow, of the State and District aforesaid, aged 66 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836: that he is the son of John Morrow, alluded to in the certificate of the Comptroller General, as belonging to Mills' Troop, Hampton's Regiment, Sumter's Brigade, State Troops, and by the affidavit of Jenet Morrow, both of which papers are hereto attached: that he has always understood and believes that his father John Morrow was killed in the manner detailed in the affidavit spoken of above as attached: that his mother never remarried: that she died on the 21st day of November 1842: that his father left 4 children, to wit, Mary, David, Robert the Deponent, and Sarah, that Mary and Sarah never married, are now alive and resided in Chester District, State aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year above written in open Court.

S/ Jas. KuyKendal, C. C. C. Pls.

S/ Robert Morrow



[Facts in file: Soldier married in 1774, Mary Kelsey of Chester District South Carolina.]

[p 15: James L. McCullough of Chester District South Carolina states that he was employed to make and did make the coffin in which Mary Morrow was buried and that she died on November 21, 1842.]

[p 23: March 9, 1854: Certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office in Columbia indicating an indent dated October one, 1784 issued to John Morrow late private in Mills Troop, H. Hampton's [Henry Hampton's] Regiment Sumter's Brigade State Troops for 94 pounds plus interest from April 1, 1782;¹ also, 429 days service in Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment as a footman commencing October 16, 1780; also for 90 days service as a horseman commencing November 14th 1780 all as certified by Captain John Mills; also an indent to John Morrow for 25 pounds for 100 days militia duty as Lieutenant in the militia in 1782.]

[p 25: letter dated February 7th, 1848 written from Chester court house in South Carolina by A. McCullough refers to Sarah and Mary Morrow as his half sisters.]

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District:

Personally appeared before me Jennet Morrow and made oath in due form of law directs that she is 87 years of age and that she is the widow of Samuel Morrow² Brother of John Morrow she further saith that she was personally acquainted with John Morrow previous to his going into the Army that he married Mary Kelsey in the year 1774 the circumstance was this Mary Kelsey being hired to Andrew Downing to do some work she feigned a slight headache went home and

¹ No such Indent can be found currently in the SC Audited Accounts folder for John Morrow. As I've encountered on several occasions, it appears that records have been removed from the audited account files and not returned.

² [Samuel Morrow W21825](#)

sent her sister to work in her place and got married that night when they applied to the church for the privilege of infant baptism they had to give satisfaction for not complying with church rolls and that he went into the Army in the year 1780 and continued in the Service until his death in 1782 he served in Captain John Mills Troop Hampton's [Henry Hampton's] Regiment Sumter's Brigade and that he was killed in a skirmish near Dorchester South Carolina and that he left a widow and four children Mary, David, Robert and Sarah and that she remained a widow until her death in 1842 and left the above named 4 children yet living. She further states that she never heard of any other John Morrow in militia troop.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 October 1846

Test: S/ Robert R. Smith

S/ Jenet Morrow, X her mark

S/ L. Lanford, Magt.

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South Carolina County of Chester: We the subscribing Judges of the County Court of Chester do certify that Mary Morrow is the widow of John Morrow late soldier of in the Brigade of State Troops commanded by Brigadier General Sumter who was killed on the 30th day of November A.D. 1781 in defense of this State and left said Widow with 4 children aged as follows viz. Mary Morrow born in December 1774, David Morrow born in October 1776, Robert Morrow born in February 1779 and Sarah Morrow born in February 1781 and that she was not, nor is not possessed of a tract of land and two slaves as prescribed by law and that said John Morrow was a resident in this County before the year 1775.

Sworn to before made this 16th of September A.D. 1793

S/ J. O. Brown, J.C.C.

[p 32: Certificate that Robert Morrow died in August 1850; that Mary Morrow died November 2, 1853 and that, as of June 21 1854 (the date of the certificate), David Morrow, Sarah Morrow and Abram McCullough are the only surviving children of the said Mary Morrow.]

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The House took into consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Senate to examine and settle the accounts of Brigadier General Sumter and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond which being read through, and after an amendment, was agreed to, and is as follows, viz.:

Report

That upon examining the said accounts as far as they relate to Negroes due, in conjunction with the Committee of the Senate, they find from these several regimental pay-rolls, as well as from general State (statement ? transcriber) of them made out by the Commissioners which were appointed by this House for that purpose that there appears to be due to the State Troops formerly under the command of Brigadier General Sumter, Five Hundred and Seventy & 3/4 grown Negroes, and Forty four 3/8 small Negroes. They find also from a Report of a Committee of a former Session, which stands upon the Journals of the House, that there is due to the Troops formerly commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond, One hundred and one grown Negroes, and nine small ones; it also appears that there are a number of Negroes which had been taken for the pay and bounty of the Troops under General Sumter but were deemed improper for the purpose, remaining in the possession of different officers and men of

said Brigade

Your committee are therefore of opinion, which the Committee of the Senate concurred, that Three Commissioners should be appointed to reside at Major Crawford's at the Waxhaws, to receive the Negroes which have not been disposed of, and are in the possession of the officers and men as aforesaid, or other persons who are in General Sumter's Brigade, that when received the Commissioners shall in order to ascertain the property advertise them at least 3 months in the Gazettes of this State, and at such other places, as they shall think proper, and upon a legal property in any of them being established, shall deliver them to their respective Owners, that such as shall appear to be public property, shall after sufficient notice being given be sold at public Auction for State Indents on may credit of 6 months, and the said Indents to be lodged in the public Treasury

That upon the several regimental pay Rolls as certified by the Chairman of your Committee and a receipt from the Commissioners above mentioned for the Negroes remaining in the possession of some of the Officers and men as aforesaid, being delivered to the Treasurer, they would be authorized and empowered and directed to issue Indents to the several persons respectively to the amount of their respective commands, at the rate of £80 for each grown Negro, and 40 pounds for each small Negro, which Indents shall bear interest from the time the said Negro became due.

Resolved that this House do agree with the Report of the Committee

Ordered that the Report and Resolution be sent to the Senate for their concurrence."

"The Senate returned to this House the following Resolutions with their concurrence thereto. – A Resolution respecting the mode of paying the State Troops under the Command of Brigadier General Sumter and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond of 11th Instant."

In the State House, Columbia, South Carolina

25th March 1847

I do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts are correctly copied from the Journals of 1784 – in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives – the 1st at page 265 – under date of "March 11th" – and the last on page 312 under date "March 18th."

S/ Benjamin Hart

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[pp 68-9: text of SC state statute authorizing payments to wounded and/or disabled veterans and the widows and minor (under 12) children of men killed in service or confinement.]

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State of South Carolina Chester District:

Before me, the Subscribing Magistrate, personally came Peter Wylie, and makes oath That his father William Wylie was in service during the war of the Revolution. That he has repeatedly heard his father speak of John Morrow and relate that he was a member of Mills Troop, Sumter's Brigade -- that he was in service in the years 80, 81 and 82 -- and was killed in the skirmish at Dorchester near Charleston under the following circumstances -- A portion of the enemy's troops were stationed near the Bridge at Dorchester. Sumter was desirous of drawing them across the Bridge, and for the purpose designated a small portion of his force and in the attempt John Morrow was killed and the party cut off. The Deponent is in the 60th year of his age -- has often been present when the above circumstance was the subject of conversation

between his father and other soldiers of the Revolution, and entertains no doubt that such was substantially the case as above related. Deponent further states that the John Morrow above referred to was the husband of Mary Morrow; and that he was the only person of that name of whom he has ever heard mentioned as being in Mills Troop.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 14th of September 1846

S/ C. D. Melton, Magt.

S/ Peter Wylie

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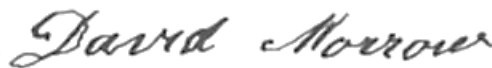
State of South Carolina Chester District:

Before me the subscribing magistrate personally came David Morrow and made oath that he is the son of John Morrow, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, in Mills' Troop, Sumter's Brigade. Deponent states that he recollects having seen his father when he would visit his home during the term of his service -- that he has often heard his mother, and his uncle William Morrow and others speak of his father and of his service in the war -- and particularly of his having taken part in a skirmish at Fish Dam Ford in Chester District in this State, between Sumter's Troops and a party of the enemy. He has repeatedly heard it said that his father was in service from the raising of Mills' Troop in 1780 until he was killed at Dorchester in 1782, and that he entertains no doubt but that all is true as above related.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th of September 1846

S/ C. D. Melton, Magt.

S/ David Morrow



[Veteran's widow was awarded a posthumous pension originally in the amount of \$57.38 per annum increased to \$69.64 per annum and payable from March 4, 1831 to November 21, 1842 when she died. The amount the pension was calculated based on 4 months and 28 days service as a private in the infantry and 13 months as a private in the cavalry, all in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to
Audited Account Microfilm file No.

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Gentlemen Please to Deliver an Indent due John Morrow for his Service done in Captain John Mills Troop of State Troops on to the said John Mills and his Receipt shall be A Sufficient [discharge] from your Humble Servant

S/ Mary Morrow, Widow, X her mark

Chester County

22nd day of April 1787

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Signed & Acknowledged before Me the day above written

S/ James Knox, JP

To the Honorable General Sumter & Henderson & Colonel Richardson Commissioners of State Troops

I Do hereby Empower Captain John Mills to Receive an Indent for the Amount of John Morrow's Account against the State of South Carolina whose Receipt shall be a Sufficient Discharge from – U gentlemen your Very Humble Servant

Signed & Acknowledged by the Subscriber Mary Morrow who was the lawful Wife of John Morrow Deceased –

Before me

27th July 178? [last digit him stated and rendered illegible]

S/ Mary Morrow, X her mark

James Knox, JP I further Certify the above Subscribing Mary Morrow is the Widow of John Morrow Deceased

S/ James Knox, JP

[pp 14-18: Receipts indicating an annuity of \$60 paid to Mary Morrow commencing June 4, 1818 through May 29, 1834]

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina now met and Sitting in General Assembly

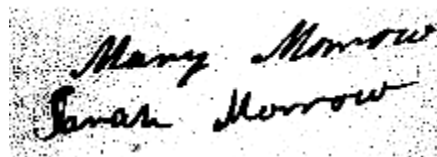
The Humble Petition of Mary and Sarah Morrow Humbly Sheweth, your Petitioners are the Daughters of Mary Morrow deceased who was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War and that she died on the 21st Instant possessed of no Property, for an administration to take place, and that she has been in a helpless Condition for the last Sixteen Years and had no Person to take care of her only Your Petitioners Who are Considerably advanced in age and in declining State of health and pray your Honorable Body to Grant them the arrearage of Pension Due their Mother (as above set forth) from the first day of March last. And your Petitioners will ever Pray &c

Chester District

November 23, 1842

S/ Mary Morrow

S/ Sarah Morrow

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Mary Morrow" and the bottom signature reads "Sarah Morrow". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the early 19th century.