State of South Carolina Sumter district: Ordinary’s Office

On this 27th day of the January 1855 before William Lewis Esquire Ordinary for Sumter district in State aforesaid personally appeared Alexander Norris aged about 52 years a resident of Sumter district in State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath, Declares that he is the son of Patrick and Martha Norris Both Deceased Late of Autauga County Alabama and Sumter District South Carolina and Makes the Following Declaration for the Purpose of Recovering the Arrears of Pension Due for the Services of His Said Father in the Revolutionary War under the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832 for the Benefit of Himself and His Surviving Brothers and Sister To Wit:

That His Father Was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution and Believes He Served 2 Years and upwards, That His Father married a Miss Huist [?] by whom he had 3 children, one of whom named George now survives; that his said father again married one Martha Wilson in Fairfield district, by whom he had 10 children 9 of whom are alive viz John age 62, James 58 years, Patrick 56 years, Abraham 54 years, this declarant 52 years, Wilson 50, Johannes 47, Hiram 45, (Daniel dead), and Niome Mitchell 42 years old: Declarant's Mother Martha Norris died on the 4th day of February 1835. He declares further that he has no record of his said parents marriage or his mother's death nor does he believe any is now in existence being informed by his mother that the Bible or Memorandum Book containing a record of marriage and dates of the births of her children was destroyed by mice; that this declarant and his said Brothers and Sister were all born in Fairfield district South Carolina: That his said Father Patrick Norris departed this life at his the deponent's residence near Statesburg Sumter district South Carolina on the 27th day of August 1835. This deponent further declares he is the duly appointed and qualified Administrator of the Estate of his said father Patrick Norris That his said father a short time perhaps a month or 2 before his death intimated to this declarant his intention of applying for a pension for his Services as a Soldier in the Revolution, but never did apply or carry his intentions into effect.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first within written.

S/ Wm Lewis, Ordinary

S/ Alexander Norris, Administrator

[The file contains no affidavits by men claiming to have served with Patrick Norris; there is a Comptroller's certificate of payments made to a "Patrick Norris" for militia service and a horse lost in 1781.]