Pension Application of Thomas Morris S41015  
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Nicholas County Kentucky (sct)  
June 22nd 1818

This day Thomas Morris personally appeared before me John Trimble one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Kentucky and made oath that in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Nine he enlisted as a fifer for the Term of Three years in the Virginia Line of the Continental Army and that he belonged to the Second Division and to the Brigade Commanded by General [Charles] Scott and to the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Heath [sic: William Heth] and that he was commanded first by Capt. Adam Wallace and was afterwards commanded by Capt. Gray who succeeded to the Command of the Company and that he served in said Army for the Term of Three years as aforesaid at which time he was discharged in the year 1782 at Salisbury North Carolina and that some time after his enlistment he was promoted to the office of fife Major and he states that his discharge by time and accident has been worn out and destroyed and cant now be produced he also states that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for his support and he further states that he has not at this time any other evidence of his enlistment service and discharge within his power

State of Kentucky  2nd Judicial District  sct  On this 4th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court (this being expressly made a court of record by the laws of this State for Nicholas County with power to fine & imprison, possessing unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount always keeping a record of its proceedings) Thomas Morris aged sixty seven years a resident in the County of Nicholas and District aforesaid, who being first duly sworn on his oath doth declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit – “That he enlisted in the year 1779 for the term of three years in Augusta Co. Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Adam Wallace in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Col Wm. Heath in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps as a fifer until 1782 when he was discharged from said service in Salsbery in the state of North Carolina, Capt. Gray commanded when he was discharged. I made my original declaration on the 22nd day of June 1818, received pension Certificate No. 16.692, have not as yet drawn any pay on said certificate. 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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 as follows – “Two horse creatures $66, two sheep $2, two cows & a calf $24, eight pigs $8. total amount $100. My family consists of six small children towit William eleven years old, Ann nine years old, Lucinda & Henry twins about five years old Barton 2 years old & Jane six years old. they cannot contribute any to my support, after supporting themselves. I am a farmer and not able to pursue it, being lame in my arms, wife old & infirm unable to work to support me. She is crippled with pains, about fifty years old.

Subscribed by me. Thomas his Xmark Morris

NOTES:
A size roll taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Thomas Morris/ age 23/ height 5’ 7”/ dark
hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ weaver/ born in England/ residing in Augusta County. Enlisted for
duration of the war. “Drum”

On 26 Mar 1838 Thomas Morris applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved to
Fulton Township in Hamilton County to live with his children. His identity was certified by Harry Morris.
On 27 May 1846 H. H. Morris of Fulton OH wrote as follows: “The name of my Father was thomas Morris
and the name of my mother was Mary Morris. My father deceased Nov 18 1839 and my mother deceased
on May 7th 1843.”