

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Morrell S4241

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County}

On this 3 day of May 1833 personally appeared before me William Rockhold a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Thomas Morrell a resident of Sullivan County Tennessee, aged Seventy two 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the [Service] of the United States a drafted militia man in the year 1780 late in September under Captain Pemberton [John Pemberton] in Colonel Shelby's [Isaac Shelby's] Regiment and marched to Kings Mountain in South Carolina and was in the heat of the engagement at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], and served two months said tour when he entered the mare he took with him was appraised at fifty Dollars and died in the service for which he never Received any pay Deponent says that he was verbally discharged as was all the company that he served with as he believes: Deponent further saith in about two or three weeks after returning home from Kings Mountain he substituted for Jonathan Morrell for a two month's tour and marched to Big Creek Station then on the frontier of next to the Cherokee Indians who were in alliance with Great Britain and at war with the United States and served said two months under Captain Koil [Robert Kyle] & Lieutenant Asher [Charles Asher] and saith he was made an Indian spy by said officers and served said two months for which he substituted principally as a spy and when his term of service ended he volunteered for one month longer under said officers (Koil & Asher) and did serve said months agreeable to his enrollment and was continued as spy for said term of service with Elijah Chison [Elijah Chesson?] between Bulls Gap & Big Creek Stationed and Deponent says said tour at Big Creek he faithfully as he believes served three months and was verbally discharged.

Deponent further saith very shortly after he returned home from the last mentioned tour he was drafted for a two months tour in the year 1781 to go to the Cherokee Nation and marched under Captain Rutledge [perhaps George Rutledge] [of] Shelby's Regiment as far as Richland Creek at which place they [sic, the] Army met with a party of Indians coming in suing for peace and the Army was then continued pending the negotiation and at some period of said negotiation the Army was ordered back to Big Creek Station and there continued to the expiration of our term of service and again was verbally discharged immediately on coming home say in a few days substituted for William Odell there and went back to Big Creek Station and served two months the term for which he substituted for under the aforementioned Captain Koil & Lieutenant Asher and resumed the duties of Indian spy and served said two months and was again verbally discharged Deponent does say he served in the revolutionary war nine months or

more and as he believes faithfully discharged all the duties assigned to him and if he ever had any written discharge he does not recollect it and further says there is none in his possession but does most confidently believe that he was verbally discharged from every tour of Duty that he served as above mentioned.

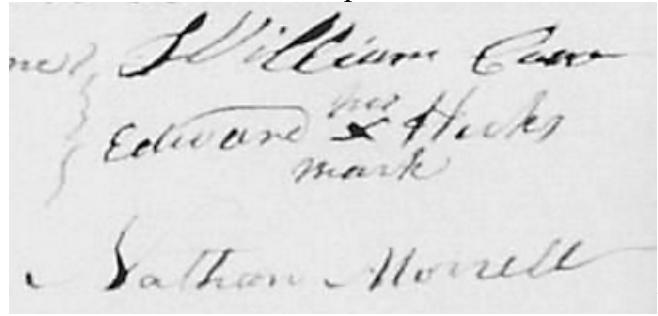
Deponent says he was born in the State of Jersey [New Jersey] \_\_ County in '60 or '61 and that he has no record of his age. He says he lived in Sullivan County Tennessee then North Carolina when called into service where he has ever since and does now live within a mile of the same place he further saith that he served as a drafted militia man as a volunteer and as substitute one tour for Jonathan Morrell & the other for William Odell.

The tour to Kings Mountain Cols Shelby [Isaac Shelby] Cammel [sic William Campbell] Sevier [John Sevier & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] was at Kings Mountain Shelby Koil & Asher with others not recollected were with him in his other service the only material circumstance at Kings Mountain was fast traveling, hard living & hard fighting but did not last long and we whopt [sic, whipped] the enemy the other part of his service was close watching and trailing the Indians. Deponent says he is acquainted with all most every man more or less in this County and many out of the County except some of the young & rising generation and that he is proud to say he does not know of any person with whom he is acquainted that would doubt his veracity or the truth of his statements when on oath or otherwise – further he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid State of Tennessee Sullivan County.

S/ Thos Morrell, X his mark

[Wm Carr, Edward Hicks and Nath'l Morrell gave the standard supporting affidavit; in addition, "...William Carr<sup>1</sup> says he served the tour with the applicant set forth in his declaration to Kings Mountain and knows his statements to be correct on that part of his service and the balance he believes is correct on that part of his service and the balance he believes is correct."

A photograph of a document showing three handwritten signatures. The first signature is "Wm Carr", the second is "Edward Hicks" with "his mark" written below it, and the third is "Nath'l Morrell". The signatures are written in cursive ink on a light-colored paper.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> [William Carr S1896](#)