

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Morris (Morice) Fennel (Fennell) W7257 Penelope Fennel f25NC  
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State of North Carolina Sampson County

On the 20th day of August 1823 personally appeared in open Court being the County Court of the County of Sampson aforesaid & the same being a Court of Record Morris Fennell aged 67 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said Morris Fennell enlisted for the term of nine months on the 15th day of May 1778 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas White in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Armstrong in the Line of the State of North Carolina Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 5th of August 1779 -- when he was discharged from the said service at Stone River [Stono] in the State of South Carolina & that he has no other evidence now in his power except William Lord & in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court August Term 1823

S/ Morice Fennel



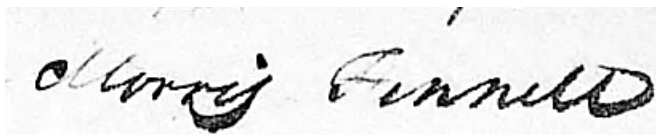
The following is a Schedule of the property owned by me (viz.)

1 Sow & five Pigs 1 pine Table 1 Chest 1 Plough 2 Hoes 1 Axe

I am by occupation a farmer but am very ill able to pursue it being infirm my family consists of a wife named Penny aged 37 years who is very infirm & one Child Leanora Alic[cut off] aged three years: State of North Carolina Sampson County August 1832 Morris Fennel & claimant as a pensioner under the Act of Congress of 1818 & 1820 came into this Court & made oath that the above schedule is true & that the above property does not exceed \$5.70 Sworn to in open Court this 19th day of August 1823

S/ Benj. Phillips, Chairman

S/ Morris Fennell



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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

This day personally appeared before me one of the Justices of Peace in of and for the County of Cumberland and State aforesaid: Captain William Lord of the County of Cumberland & State aforesaid. After being duly sworn according to law deposed & saith that he the deponent is personally acquainted with Maurice Fennell [sic] of Sampson County & State of North Carolina the present claimant for Pension and this deponent further saith that he deponent was personally acquainted with the said Maurice Fennell in the year 1778 as well as deponent recollects and that the said Maurice Fennell & this deponent met at Elizabeth Town in Bladen County North Carolina in December 1778, and marched with the Continental troops from thence to Purrysburg South Carolina at which place the said Maurice Fennell was attached to Captain Thomas White's Company in which this deponent was a Lieutenant of the Continental Army U.S. and under whom the said Maurice Fennell did Served as a Sergeant in said Captain White's Company and was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] South Carolina and faithfully performed his duty while a Soldier in the said Continental service and the said Maurice Fennell did continue in said Continental Service as aforesaid nine months at one continued time and was honorably discharged After the expiration of the nine months Further this deponent saith not. Sworn & subscribed before me at said born the 6th day of May 1820 and to whose affidavit do you faith & credit is attached.

S/ John Dickson, JP

S/ W. Lord<sup>1</sup>



[pp 6-7: family record]

Penelope Fennell was born January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1785

Leonora Allis Fennell daughter of Penelope & Morris Fennell was born September the 24<sup>th</sup> 1819

John Henry Heath the son of Alexander and Margaret his wife [balance of entry is obliterated]

Clarissa Wright Heath Daughter of John H. Heath & Leonora his wife was Born Jany [?] 4<sup>th</sup> 1839

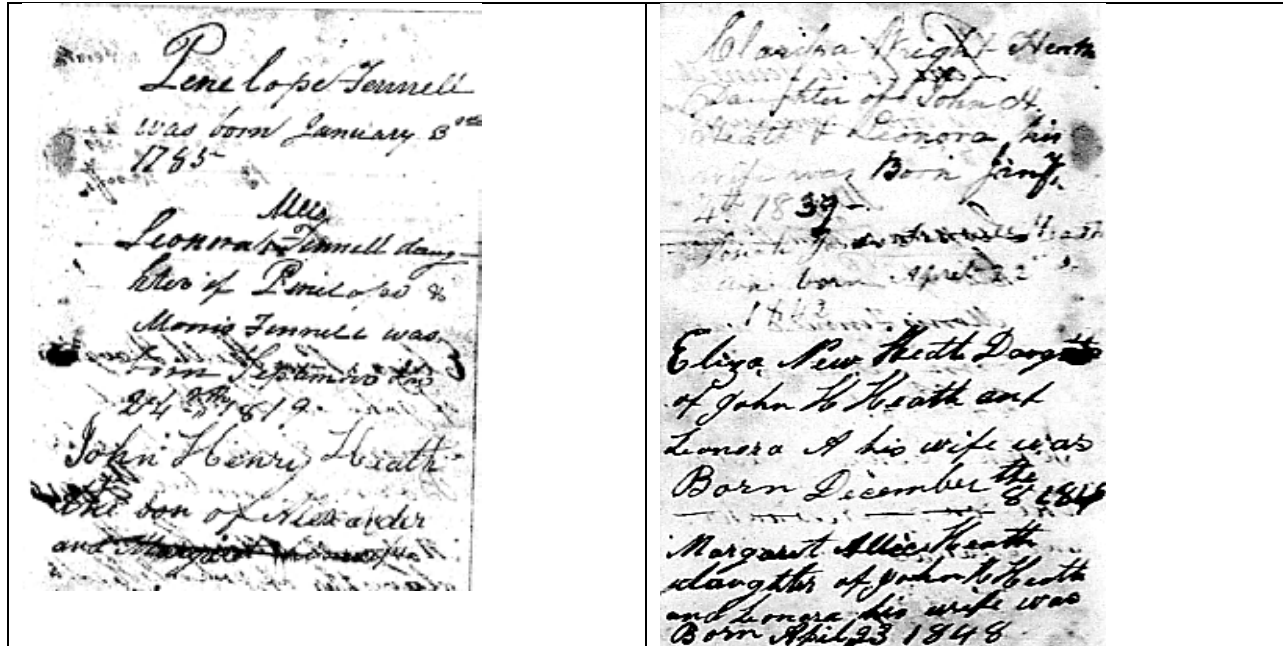
Josiah Jones [text obliterated] was born April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1842

Eliza New Heath Daughter of John H. Heath and Leonora A. his wife was Born December 8<sup>th</sup> 184\_

Margaret Allice Heath daughter of John H. Heath and Leonora his wife was Born Apil [sic] 23, 1848

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<sup>1</sup> There is no evidence in the federal pension records that this officer applied for a pension in his own right.



[p 10: On November 21, 1853, in Sampson County, NC, Penelope Fennell, 69 on January 3 next, resident of Duplin County, NC, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Morris alias Maurice Fennell; she states that she married him December 8, 1818; that he died February 29, 1828 in Sampson County North Carolina; that she remains his widow; that they were married in the house of John Hufham in Duplin County; that there was only one child born of her marriage to Morris Fennell, Leonora, the wife of John H. Heath.

Penelope Fennell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 20, 1823, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]