

Georgia 29694

See letter to Hon. H. S. Clayton
Feb. 13. 1835

William Brown
of Georgia in the State of Geo.
who was a Private in the
by Captain _____ of the Regt. _____
by C. Armstrong, in the Regt. Ca.
line for 12 months.

Inscribed on the Roll of Georgia
at the rate of 40 Dollars _____ Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 31st day of January
and under Sec. A. S.
Georgia, N. E.

Amount to the 1st of July 31st 245.-
Semi-annual allowance ending 1st Jan 1835 50.50
\$ 280.-

Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by *W. A. Rice* Clerk
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State of Georgia - Hawkins County

On this the twenty second day of January eighteen hundred
and thirty three personally appeared in open Court, before the Justice
of the Superior Court for said County and State now sitting, William
Norris, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged twenty
five years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, with
an oath made the following declaration, in and to the effect to wit
of the act of Congress passed June thirtyrd 1832 that he entered the
service of the United States under the following names Officers, and Lewis
as known to him that he entered service under Genl Lincoln Commander
of the Detachment, thinks that Genl Lincoln was Brig Genl, Col. McHenry
and Colonel of whom he received his discharge Capt. Erdman,
Lieut. not recollects 1st Lieut. Joel Lewis that he entered as a vol-
unteer in the State Troops of North Carolina for the term of three
months and serves it, that he resides in Rowan County and
in the State of North Carolina when he entered service that he entered
service in the month of May, or perhaps can recollect earlier in the year
thirteen hundred and thirty three and left in December hundred &
thirty eight, that he was engaged in the battle at the mouth of
Peters Creek in Georgia, the Battle of Stone in North Carolina, and
the battle near Camden North Carolina where Genl Galt was defeated,
that he marched through the States of North Carolina, South Carolina &
Georgia, that he volunteered in the Middle horse service of N. Carolina & served
one term of 14 days commencing the 27th Sept. 1791 under Capt. Lambles
in guarding Catawba River, that he volunteered & served another term of six
weeks under the same Capt. according to book divisions covers commencing
March 24. 1791 and has Capt. Peers Certificate to that effect.
That he served a tour of duty commencing in the year above
thirteen hundred and thirty eight, two years under Capt. Erdman
of the North Carolina, and has his Certificate to that effect,
but the Certificate does not specify the length of the tour and
his memory does not serve him that he served a tour of
duty of 3 months as Lieut. in Capt. Kneighs Company, Col.
Robert Smiths Legion, Genl Nathansons Brigade and has Major
Joseph Braham Certificate to that effect dated November 18th 1781.
All the service except the first 9 months rendered in the State of
North Carolina exclusively and by the militia of said State & there service

George Thomas Town of some name of which he has no proof
no distinct & specific recollection. He knows of no further letters
got to him by him -
- nearly delinquent & all claim whether to a Pension or account
except the former and declare that my name is not on the Pension
roll of any State.

Sworn to & submitted in open Court. This 22nd January 1833.

Samuel A. Belling J. D. *Wm. J. Davis*

Daniel Hightower J. D.

Buckner Peasley J. D. C.

(Quoting & pronounced by the Court with their assent)

Q. 1. Where and in what year were you born?

A. In the County of Bladen, N. Carolina on the 31st day of March 1757.

Q. 2. Have you any record of age (your) & of so, where is it?

A. My age is recorded in his family Bible, at his first place of Abode.

Q. 3. Where were you living when called into Service, where have you
since since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

A. Lived in Rowan County, N. Carolina when called into Service, lived there
until 1784 - then removed to Georgia, where he has since resided & now lives
in Harris County Georgia.

Q. 4. How were you called into Service, were you drafted, did you volunteer
or were you a substitute? or if a substitute for whom?

A. Never was called or drafted - always volunteered -

Q. 5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the
troops where you lived; such Colonels & Major Generals as you
can recollect, and the general circumstances of your Service -

A. Genl Lincoln, Col. Light, Col. Matherly (a French Revolutionist), Col. Armstrong,
John Hays, John Nelson, served in the 4th N. Carolina Regiment - something
was told of the Continental Regiment & your good head, changed the general
circumstances of his terms are stated or much of them as can be noted here.

Q. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service & if so, what has
become of it & by whom given? did you ever receive a Compendium
of it & by whom was it signed, & what has become of it?

A. He received a discharge from Col. Armstrong for the 9 months Service which got
into the hands of his living & died. I have not since known where become of it -
He sent a Compendium (Dress or such) in the form Service of Col. Peck Smith who
was then in this State with other papers & accounts. The other discharge I have now, at
least in his handwriting & was presented in open Court.

47. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your former
neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for morality, and
good behavior, & your loyalty as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Attest: ~~Henry Cooper~~ Henry Cooper, Joseph [unclear], James [unclear],
Triley White, Elisha [unclear] father can state as to his correct
good behavior &c. but no one as to his being exact by Gal. Report.
 sworn to & subscribed in open Court, Aug. 22. 1833.

James Hilliard J.P.C.
Daniel Hightower J.P.C.
The Hon. [unclear] in Harris County & State of Georgia, and
a Clergyman, and Samuel Clag of the same place, being
certified that we are well acquainted with William Morris, who has
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be
loyalty five — years of age; that he is respected and beloved in
the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a Soldier of the Revolution,
and that we concur in that opinion.

sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.
James Hilliard J.P.C. Jos. H. Cooper M.D.
Daniel Hightower J.P.C. Samuel Clag
Buckhorn Presley J.P.C.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation
of the matter, and after putting the Interrogatories proposed by the
Petitioner, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier
& appears as he states, and sworn or related by him — And the
Court further certify, that it appears to them that John Cooper, who
has signed the foregoing Certificate, is a Clergyman resident in the
(Harris) County & State (Ga.) & that Samuel Clag who has
also signed the same is a resident of the same place & is a correct
person, and that their statement is correct & true.
Aug. 22. 1833.

B. Presley J.P.C.
Daniel Hightower J.P.C.
J. Hilliard J.P.C.

J. Wm. O. Barden Clerk of the Superior Court for said County & State do
hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceeding in the matter of
the application of William Morris for a Pension. In testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of office — this 22nd Aug. 1833.
J. Wm. O. Barden Clerk, 16/166

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress passed on the 3^d day of March 1823. Granting pensions for one year to certain widows and the act of the 17th June 1824. Continuing pensions of certain widows.

State of Georgia }
Harris County } ss

On this 23^d day of February Eighteen hundred and forty six 1846. Penelope appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace and for the county and state aforesaid Ellen Nancy Norris a resident of said state in the county of Harris aged ~~Twenty~~ ^{Twenty} years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of Congress passed on the 3^d day of March 1823 Granting pensions to certain widows of persons who served in the Revolutionary war that she is the widow of William Norris who was a pensioner of the United States at the Georgia Agency at Savannah who died on the fifth day of April 1844 in this county and state aforesaid and as to the name her husband the said William Norris held in the army she refers to the proof under which he drew his pension and the amount he drew Annually And she further declares that she was legally cleared to the said William Norris in the latter part of the year 1789 month and day of the month not recollecting the having no record of her marriage she is guided by the age of her eldest children the only family success she has in support of her marriage bearing date of her childrens ages is in the possession of her son John M. Norris who resides in Russell County State of Alabama at this time which will be procured and sent to commissioners of pensions if it should be destroyed

And she further declares that she is still the widow of William
Norris who died as before stated being a prisoner and who
died in prison until he died. And as to proof of Identity
she refers to proof hereafter annexed as will more fully appear
Test - Benjamin J. Cleveland

Now to and subscribed the day and year
above written before me A Justice of the peace and for the
County and State of Georgia. I further certify that Mrs Nancy
Norris is personally known to me and that she is the widow
of William Norris who was a prisoner and died a prisoner while
residing in this county before he died and Mrs Nancy Norris is his
widow at this time And that full faith and credit should be given
to her Declaration and statements as such she being of undoubted
respectability in Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and
Seal the day and date first written.

Test - W. W. Bearden
John Pattle

State of Georgia } Be it known that on the 23 day of February 1851
Norris County } before me John Pattle A Justice of the peace
In and for the county and state aforesaid
Personally appeared The Reverend Benjamin J. Cleveland a
Resident of said county and state aged 35 years past who
being duly sworn saith on oath that he has been acquainted
with William Norris the husband of the above Declarant for the
term of sixteen or eighteen years who was a prisoner of the United
States in Norris County State of Georgia now deceased and Mrs.
Nancy Norris the Declarant and has been conversant with the
family for the term of years above mentioned and that the said
William Norris died on the 5th day of April 1851 as stated by
Mrs Nancy Norris his widow and that she is now his widow

The State of Alabama }
Russell County } I, John Stroud an acting
} Justice of the Peace in and for
} said County.

Personally appeared before me John M. Norris
a resident of said County aged 38 years past - who
being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the
following statements that he is an heir of William
Norris deceased late of Harris County Georgia & Mrs
Nancy Norris his surviving widow and that he
the said John M. when he left his fathers house took
possession of the old Bible which contained the Register
of the names and ages of the family and that said
Bible has been destroyed or mislaid so that he is not in
possession of it at this time. Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 26th February 1846. John M. Norris
John Stroud J. P.

I John Stroud do certify that Mr. John M. Norris
is personally known to me and that full faith and
credit should be given to his statements in his
affidavit. In testimony whereof I hereunto set
my hand officially this day and date first written
John Stroud
J. P.

The State of Alabama
Russell County

I Simon Orval Clerk of the County Court
of said County do hereby certify that John Stroud whose name appears
to the above and foregoing Certificate as a Justice of the Peace is, and was
at the date thereof an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County
and State duly Commissioned, and sworn.

Given under my hands and private seal (there being
no seal of Office) this 26th day of February A.D.
1846.

Simon Orval Clerk
Prof. Thomas M. Birch Dept. Clk.

Georgia
Cobb County

Personal

I appeared before me
and subscribed and being duly sworn
deposed that he had been living with
his own sister formerly Drancy
Christerson & that he knew them to live to-
gether as man & wife from the date 1889
that he had no doubt that they were
legally married about the
date 1889 the date as always understood
of the Civil War & Drancy's marriage
this deponent further states that he
remembers circumstances of gathering
at his father's house about that time
1889 which he thinks likely some one
might be this marriage occasion &
we being about fifteen years old at that
time I suppose he must have seen them
married though this matter he does not
positively recollect, though of their lawful
intermarriage he has no doubt as it was
always understood & they looked upon as
legally man & wife & therefore properly mar-
ried. Sworn to & subscribed this 23rd
month 1866 -

Philip Watkins

I do Certify that the
deponent Mr Philip Watkins is an intelligent
credible witness
James Mill 1866

Georgia
Ag. Thorpe County } Personally Came
I appeared before
me James Millan
acting Justice of the
Peace in & for said County Olin Martin
who being duly sworn deponeth & saith
that she was well acquainted with William
Norris & Nancy Norris his wife Mrs
Nancy Norris being deponents & own
sister formerly Nancy Watkins &
that she deponent knows them to
live together in this County (Ag. Thorpe)
for a number of years as man & wife
& also knows them to have been lawfully ^{married}
some time (as she thinks) in the date
1799 in my father's County (Ag. Thorpe)
having then Wilkes but now Ag. Thorpe
County. This deponent further states that
at the time or last previous to the marriage
of Wm. Norris & Nancy Norris, she deponent
was down at Christopher Orr's who had married
another sister of his when this Wm. Norris
came to Orr's after his stating that he
was then going to marry my sister Nancy
Watkins now Nancy Norris when I went
Orr's with him to my father's & mother's
will of seeing them married & bearing
the ceremony performed but cannot distinctly
remember by whom but knows there to
have been lawfully married at & about
the time above alluded to. Sworn to
& subscribed before me this 2^d March 1811
James Millan J^r her

I do Certify that Olin Martin
deponent is considered
an intelligent & credible
witness
James Millan J^r

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., _____, 19__

am
R. F. 7702

In reply to your request of _____, received _____
for a statement of the military history of William Harris
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
sion on file in this Bureau.

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DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
May 1777	1778	Pat.	Goodman	Armstrong	N.C.
Fall of 1781	3 mos	1 st Lieut.	Knighten	Malmedy	
Aug. 19, 1782	1		John Graham	Robert Smith	
Sept. 27, 1790	14 days		Samuel Reed		
1795	6 weeks		Samuel Reed		

Battles engaged in, Beaver Creek Stone Mountain

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Rowan County N.C. thru until 1777

Date of application for pension, Jan 22, 1855. His cl. was ad.

Residence at date of application, Harris County, Ga.

Age at date of application 51. 1757 in Johnson Co. N.C.

Remarks: d. Apr. 5, 1844 in Harris Co. Ga.

He was in 1789 in Wilkes Co. (Dorchester Co.) Ga. then daughter of
Reece Watkins, who was a res. of Harris Co. Ga. in 1846 and
73 years. In 1846 son John W. was a res. of Russell County,
Alabama aged 35 years. There is no other date on file
as to his family. Respectfully,

Case
The 1st service was in the line (not militia) of N.C.
Repeal of widows claim just a legal point
no case mentioned at

John Lewis was Commissioner.
John Goodman was Capt of 4th Regt N.C.
for Armstrong
John Armstrong was Col. of 2nd Regt N.C.
was