

JOHN MORRISON

18-1750

SERVICE

NUMBER

Va Morrison John S. 45874

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Jonestown Agency -  
John Morrison  
of Jones - in the State of Tennessee  
who was a Mr. in the County commanded  
by Captain Berry of the Regt. commanded  
by Lee in the War  
for 1 year from 1776

Instituted on the Roll of Jonestown Agency  
at the rate of \$70 - Dollars - 100 per annum.  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Febry  
Blair 11<sup>th</sup> and sent to Hon John  
of Regt.

Amount to 1st of Sept. 1832 60  
Government allowance ending 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 33 20 -  
\$80 -

{ Revolutionary War }  
{ Act June 7, 1832 }

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John Morrison  
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[Arrangement of 1870.]

Pension Application of John Morrison S45874

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee }  
Greene County } September Term 1832

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court it being the Circuit Court for the County of Green in said State holden by the Honorable Samuel Powell one of the Judges of said State John Morrison aged seventy five years a resident citizen of said County who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832

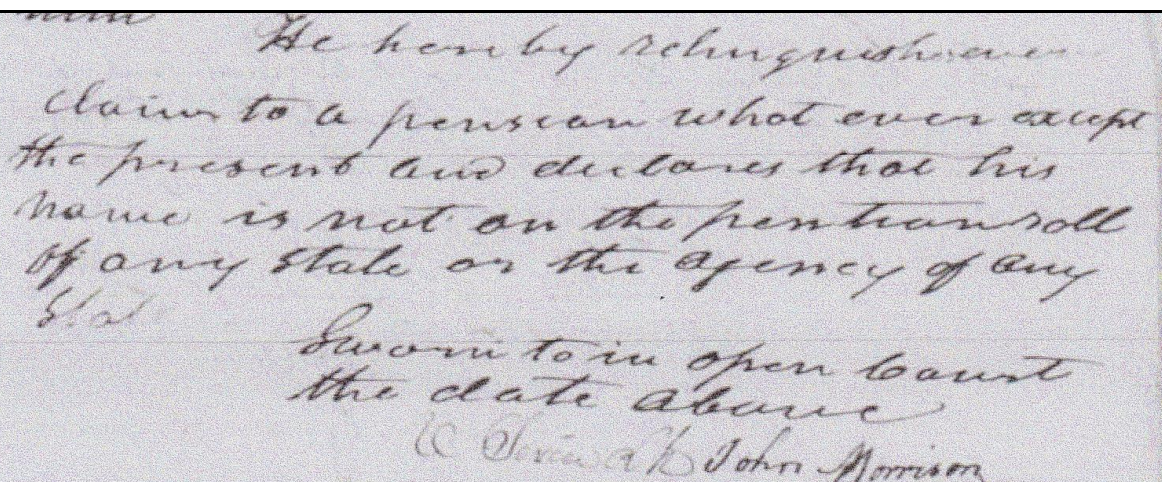
That in the year 1776 in the last of March he inlisted under John Joliff Lieutenant in the Company of Capt. Thomas Berry for the term of one year in Frederick County Virginia near Winchester in the 7<sup>th</sup> or eight [8<sup>th</sup>] Regiment of Virginia Troops commanded by Colo Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in General Lees [Charles Lee's] division. He remained some time at Winchester recruiting then marched to James Town on James River whilst there two English vessels came up the river in the night owing to the darkness of the night the vessels were not discovered til break of day The vessels passed up the River and took a vessel loaded with flour from the Americans Next night the vessels attempted to land down the river when a cannonade commenced between the troops on shore and the vessels, but none of the men on shore were hurt The troops then crossed the river to a Town called Cobham and remain there several weeks. He then marched to Halifax North Carolina and thence to Cross Creek [now Fayetteville] thence to Camden South Carolina thence to Charles Town South Carolina where they arrived the day after the battle of Sullivans Island [28 June 1776]. He then crossed the bay and went on the Island where they remained several weeks and then returned to Charleston and remained there until the last of August thence he marched to Georgia and went to Savanah [sic: Savannah] and thence to Sunsberry [sic: Sunbury] where nearly all the troops sickened and many died. He was taken sick and removed three miles out of Town and lay sick a long time when the weather became cool he recruited and he returned to his Colonel in Savanah being still weak and feeble only being able to travel three miles the first day the Colonel Furlowed the soldiers and he then had neither money or clothes he then sold his gun for money [see endnote] and went home. he left Savanah after frost. And when he got home his year was up and Term of service ended. He never got a discharge and he has not any documentary evidence to prove his service. And he does not know of any person who can prove his service. There is not any minister in his vicinity who can certify for him

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or agency of any State.

Sworn to in open Court the date above

[signed] John Morrison

[Certified by Thomas Dodd and Wesley Morrison.]



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the date above  
John Morrison*

We Thomas Dodd and Wesley Morrison  
residing in the County of Greene and  
State of Tennessee hereby certify that  
we are well acquainted with John  
Morrison who has subscribed and  
sworn to the foregoing declaration  
that we believe him to be <sup>in his</sup> seventy fifth  
years of age that he is reputed and be-  
lieved in the neighborhood where  
he resides to have been a soldier of  
the revolution and we concur in  
that opinion

Thomas Dodd  
Wesley Morrison

AND the court do hereby declare their opinion  
of the matter after the investigation and put-  
ting the questions prescribed by the Department  
of War that the above named applicant was  
a revolutionary soldier and served as stated  
and the court further certifies that it  
appears that Thomas Dodd and Wesley  
Morrison who have signed the previous  
affidavit are credible persons and  
entitled to credit it is further more men-  
to appear there is not any resident mini-  
in the vicinity of the applicant

J. P. [unclear]  
[unclear]

WILL OF JOHN MORRISON

(P352) John Morrison Senr. decd  
Jan. 2<sup>d</sup> 1843 P392

In the name of God Amen, I  
John Morrison being infirm in  
body though of sound mind  
and memory and taking into  
consideration the uncertainty of  
life and the certainty of death  
have thought proper to make  
this my last Will and Testament  
hereby revokeing and disannulling  
all former Wills and confirm  
this my last and final Will.

1<sup>st</sup> I design to give and return  
my soul to God, who gave it and  
my boddy to the dust to be  
buried in a christian decent  
burial.

As to my worldly substance  
I will as follows.

John Morrison

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1st I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth my home place whereon I now live including all the lands which I now reserve for my own support to be hers for her support during her natural life together with my household furniture and personal property except such as may be herein otherwise directed to be hers during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or in case she should marry again to descend to Wesley

Morrison's three sons viz James Crawford, Archibald Campbell & John Wesley - and I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Rebecca & Rachel thirty shillings each in lawful money to be raised by selling as much of the personal property above named in the preceding article as shall be sufficient for the same and to pay all

my just debts - 3d I give unto  
my son. Elijah deceased, his  
three sons John Flecker Morrison  
Jacob Fleming Morrison Elbert  
Aiken Morrison to be divided  
equally and the same to be  
valued and the boys to pay  
their sisters and make them  
equal according to the value  
of the land that is to make  
them equal with themselves  
the south west part of  
land that I now live on  
to begin at a pine tree on  
the south line and running  
west 82 poles to a pine & rest  
oak the original corner thence  
north 177 poles to a small hickory  
& walnut thence 67 degrees east  
of north 117 poles to a small  
hickory thence 4 degrees  
west of south 224 poles to the  
beginning containing 117 acres.  
4th I give unto my son  
Wesley his three sons James

John Morrison

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C. Morrison, Archibald C. Morrison,  
John M. Morrison the south east  
part of the tract including  
the part which is herein  
before willed to my wife.  
Beginning at a mulberry &  
walnut & white oak the original  
beginning corner thence west  
102 poles to a pine thence  $4$   
degrees east of north 22.3 poles  
to a Hickory thence  $37$  degrees  
east of north to an ash & wild  
cherry, thence south 250 poles  
to the beginning, containing 131  
acres and said three sons of  
Wesley Morrison to pay to all the  
other legal heirs of Wesley Morrison  
a sum sufficient to make them  
equal with themselves in the  
value of said land - 3th I  
give and bequeath to my wife's  
grand daughter Malinda V. Babb  
1 bed & furniture and 1 cow to  
have it at the death of her  
grand mother (P253) and my

will is that the property I gave to my wife Elizabeth at her death shall be sold and the money to be divided between the three girls Rebecca Rachel & Leah or their children, my will is that the land I gave to my son Elijah's children that Elijah's widow shall have her maintenance off of said land as long as she remains Elijah's widow and if she should die before the children comes of age the land shall be leased out for the support of Elijah's children until the three boys comes to the age of twenty one then the land to be valued or divided as before mentioned. And my will is that my son Wesley pay my son James five dollars out of his proportion of the estate and I appoint my son James & Thomas Baly as my executors to this my last will



John Morrison

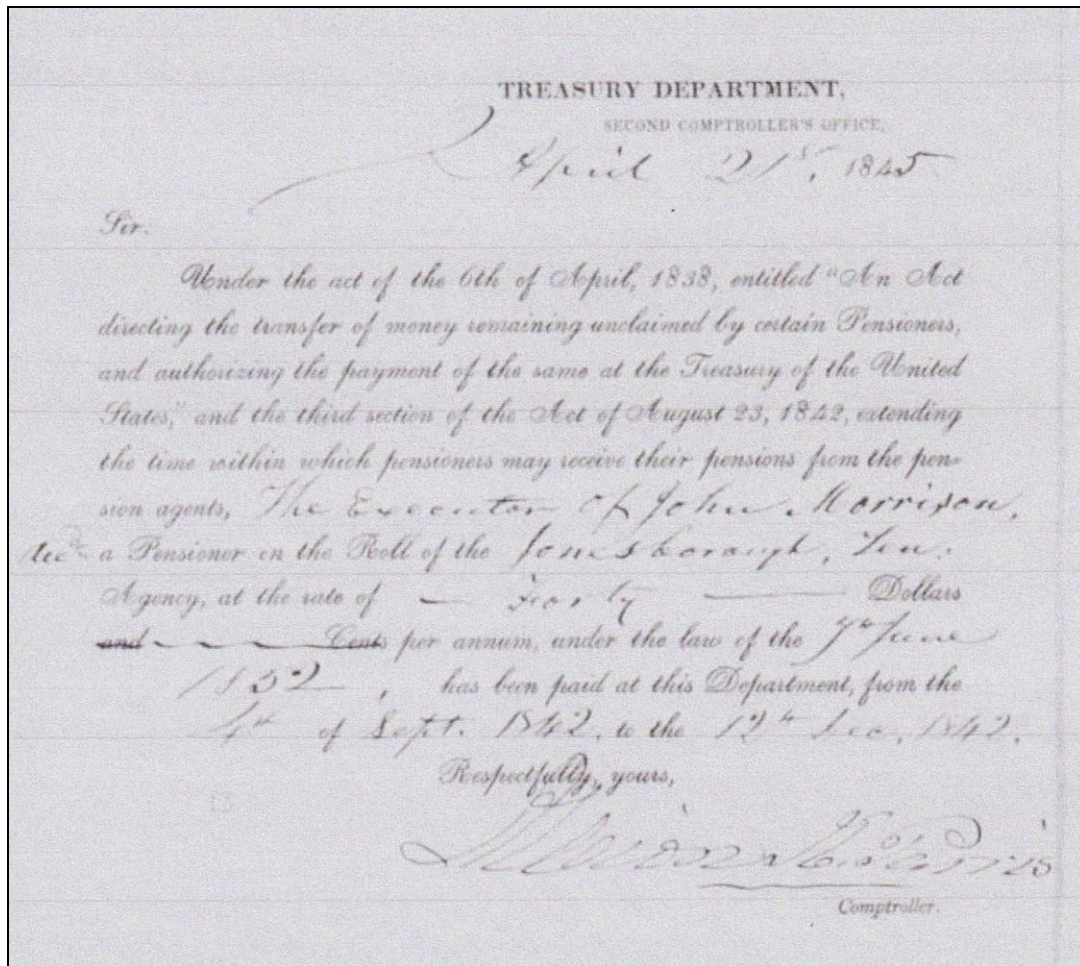
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+ Testament in witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal this 1st day of December in  
the year of our Lord 1842.

Test William Jones      John Morrison  
Gabriel Henry                      (Seal)

My will is that my  
son Wesleyhall have the land  
which I willed to his three sons  
during his life and his widow  
if he should die first during  
her widowhood. In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal the 1st day  
of December 1842.

Test                      John Morrison  
William Jones                      (Seal)  
Gabriel Henry



John Morrison, a Revolutionary War Soldier is buried in the Morrison Cemetery on his farm. Today, this land has been incorporated into and known as the Sulphur Springs Memorial Cemetery. Many members of the Morrison Family are interred here, including John's grandson, Jacob Flemming Morrison, a "deceased son of Elijah" as stated in John Morrison's Will signed on December 1, 1842.



Jacob Flemming Morrison (1832-1897)

One hundred years later, as late as 1945 the Cemetery continued to be referred to as the Morrison Cemetery, when Jacob Flemming Morrison's son, Benson Morrison (1871-1945) was buried there. Benson's Death Certificate gives his place of burial as 'Morrison Cemetery'.