

Pension Application for Lewis R. Morris

R.21997 (Widow: Ellen. Lewis and Ellen Hunt married July 13, 1801.) From the family Bible: *My son Lewis was born the 2d November 1760 two oclock A.M.* Lewis R. Morris died in Springfield December 27, 1825, aged 65 years. Lewis served as Major of Brigade with Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer. Ellen Hunt was born the 17th October 1781.

State of Vermont

Windsor County SS

On this twenty fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, personally appeared before the Hon. the Probate Court for the District of Windsor in said County of Windsor, Ellen Morris, a resident of Springfield in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the law of the United States, passed the 3d of February 1853; that she is the widow of Lewis R. Morris who was in his lifetime engaged in the military service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and of the staff service in the New York Troops, it is supposed and believed by the applicant that the said Lewis R. Morris her said husband, was a commissioned officer at a very youthful age at one time he belonged to the military family of Genl Philip Schuyler was near Fort Edwards when Burgoyne advanced towards that place; and was in a skirmish with the Indians, and scouts there, and was near Major Clarkson when he was wounded and rode with him, held him on his horse untill the troops retreated, was with the Army at Stillwater, was a while under Secretary in office of Foreign affairs under Continental Congress under Hon. Robert R. Livingston, and at some time, he had not resigned his commission in the army, was with Brigadier Genl VanRensselaer as Major of Brigade, was also a while in the military family of Hon. George Clinton as additional Aid in latter part of 1783—he was also his private Secretary and was entitled to rank of Lieut Col.

The services of my said husband is supposed to have generally been performed as one of the staff, and sometimes in other corresponding situations with commission he was the first marshal of Vermont, was a member of Congress from Vermont, during the period of the Election between Burr and Jefferson for the presidency.

She further says that the foregoing statement of her said husband's periods of service, his commissions, officers under whom he served or in what capacity he performed service. She does not state from any personal or positive knowledge of the facts, but merely from the conversations with her said husband and the family talk about said service she has heard during the lifetime of her said husband, and from her recollection and statements of her son Governor Morrison now of Michigan to whom she spoke a few years since to procure her pension and military Bounty Land Warrant, and who as she has been informed recently forwarded his won and some other affidavits to Mr. John Johnson Washington DC. To be used by him in support of her claims.

She further declares that she was married to the said Lewis R. Morris in Hinsdale State of New Hampshire, now Vernon Vermont, on the thirtieth day of July A.D. 1801 by one Bunker Esq, a minister of the gospel, and that he name before her said marriage was Ellen Hunt; that her said husband died at Springfield in the State of Vermont on the 29th day of December A.D. 1825, and that she is still his widow, and that she has remained his widow since that period.

And she further states that there is a family private record of her marriage as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. That she cannot fill herewith his certificate of discharge for the reason it is not in her possession if he ever received one, as to that fact she cannot state.

She further states that the original name of her said husband was (Lewis Morris) but after he went into the Army sometimes letters intended for others of some name in or near the City of New York came to him, and sometimes his to them; consequently he took a middle (Initial) (R.) but which did not represent any particular name of this fact she does not speak positive, but from family conversation with her said husband and other members of the family.

She further states that the said Lewis R. Morris her said husband was a native of the State of New York and as she believes the city of New York or near to the City of New York as she believes from what she understood from her said husband in his lifetime. That he was a resident of the City of New York at the time of his entering the said service of the Revolutionary War.

He hereby appoints C. H. Barkley of Louisville Kentucky her true and lawful attorney with power of substitution to prosecute this her claim for a pension to receive the Certificate when issued, and to do all other acts necessary and proper in the [?] (Signed) Ellen Morris

Witnesses Peter White, Josiah Q. Hawkins.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written. Henry Closson, Judge of Probate.