

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morris VAS756

vsl 13VA

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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In the House of Delegates

June 9th 1783

Resolved that the Petitions of John Morris & Peter Mason Junior praying compensation from the public in consideration of the Wounds which they have received whilst Soldiers in the Service of this State or reasonable, and that the Petitioners be put on the list of pensioners and allowed half pay for life.

Teste: S/ John Berkley, C. H. D. [clerk House of delegates]

Agreed to by the Senate

S/ [indecipherable signature], C. S. [clerk of the Senate]

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On Examining the Bearer here of John Morris who says he was a private in Captain Anderson's [John Anderson's] Company & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] – that the wounds he received were at Cambden [Camden, the 2nd battle of Camden also known as the battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] – find the left shoulder & arm have been penetrated by two Balls which greatly injured the Bone, pieces of which still continue to come away & the Sores continue Open – his arm may be said to be totally useless as to labor & he says he has no other mode of livelihood – am of Opinion he is fully entitled to whatever Some the law allows a pensioner.

S/ W. Foushee

February 21, 1786

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Feb. 21. 1786

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I do, with advice of the Council, hereby certify that John Morris (about 46 years of age) late a Private in the first State Regiment of Virginia appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the Continental as to entitle him to the Sum of eighteen pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 23rd day of February 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry, Governor]

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GIVEN under my hand at Richmond, this *Twenty third* day of
February - - - 1786

P. Henry

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I assign over the within to Robt. Mitchell [Robert Mitchell] his heirs or Assigns to receive payment being for value received of him.

S/ John Mores [sic]

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[Note: The pension was paid by order of the court sitting in Henrico County, VA. The last payment indicated in the file documents was made in 1789.]