

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Morris VAS757

vsl 4VA

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

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To the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia

The Memorial of William C Morris Executor and devisee of Jonathan F Morris who was heir and representative of Major Joseph Morris an officer of the Revolution, respectfully represents, that the said Joseph Morris entered the Army of the Revolution at the commencement of the war and served with reputation to himself until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1777 when he was mortally wounded in a severe skirmish with the enemy. That he had been an officer in the line of New Jersey but had been transferred to the Rifle Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan], and was commanding in that Regiment when he received his death wound. For these facts he respectfully refers to the official letter of General Washington to be found in "Sparks Washington correspondence" volume fifth page 181, and in the second edition of "Marshall's Life of Washington" volume the first page 183, and to the enclosed Certificate from the Department of War.

He prays to be allowed the land Bounty promised by Virginia to the heirs of those who sacrificed their lives in her service.

S/ Wm Lambert Attorney for the Heirs

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Department of War Bounty Land Office May 16, 1838

I certify that, the name of Joseph Morris is returned on the list of Revolutionary Officers on file in this Department as a Major of the New Jersey Continental line, and as having been killed whilst in service. I further Certified that it appears by the records of this office Land Warrant No. 2539 for 400 acres, issued the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1789, to Jonathan F Morris, heir and representative of the aforesaid Joseph Morris, who, it is stated on the Register of issues, was attached to "Morgan's Riflemen."

S/ Wm Gordon, First Clk.

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In order to enable this officer to bounty land from Virginia it must appear that Virginia had credit in her quota of troops for his services – this does not appear. Claim rejected

S/ D. Campbell

and legal representative

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[Note: This file contains the normal response letter indicating that there are no papers relating to this claim due to the fire at the war office in 1800.]