

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Nathaniel Morris VAS759

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia] 2-page file indexed under the name "Nathaniel Morris" with the index card calling him a 'Negro'.]

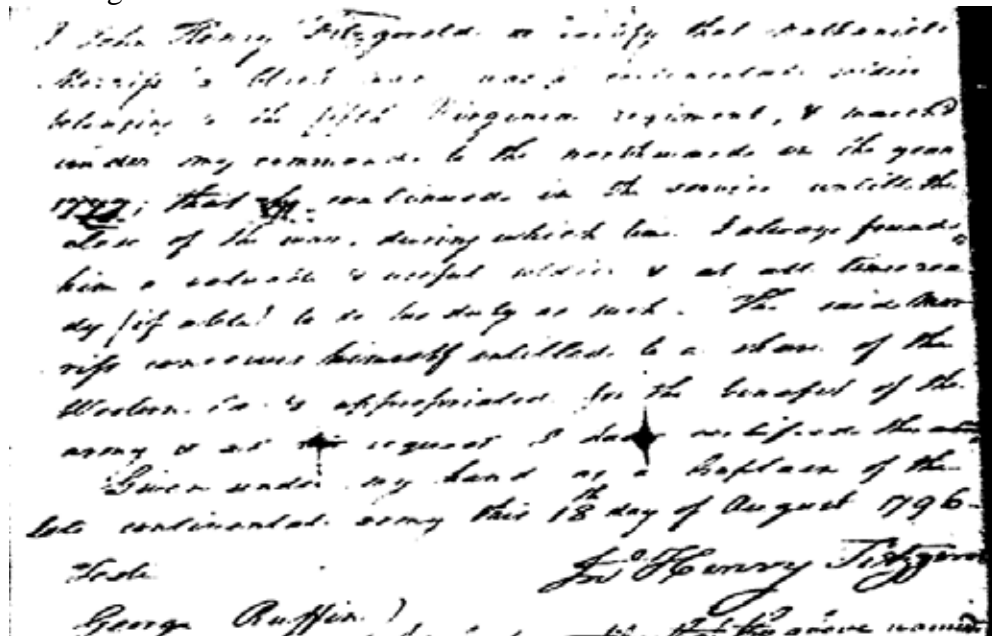
I John Henry Fitzgerald do certify that Nathaniel Morriss a black man was a Continental soldier belonging to the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment & marched under my command to the northward's in the year 1777; that he continued in the service until the close of the war, during which time I always found him a valuable & useful soldier & at all times ready (if able) to do his duty as such. The said Morriss conceives himself entitled to a share of the Western lands appropriated for the benefit of the Army & at his request I have certified the above.

Given under my hand as a Captain of the late Continental Army this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1796.

S/ Jno Henry Fitzgerald

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S/ George Ruffin



I do hereby certify that the above named is found in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the year 1776 and from the muster rolls he was always returned for 3 years or during the War, he was captured with me at Charlestown South Carolina [May 12, 1780].

Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> January 1797 -

S/ John Roney<sup>1</sup>  
Late Lieut. 5<sup>th</sup> Virga Regt.

I do hereby certify that the above named  
I found in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virga Regt. in the year 1776  
and from the Muster Rolls in a way  
returned for 3 years as during the war  
he was captured with me in Charleston  
South Carolina - Given under my hand  
this 17<sup>th</sup> January 1797 -  
John Roney  
Late Lieut. 5<sup>th</sup> Virga Regt.

<sup>1</sup> Thanks to C. Leon Harris for identifying this officer.