

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Malcom¹ R68

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"According to Robert Armistead Stewart's "History of Virginia's Navy of the Revolution" pages 220 and 221, both Captain James Malcom(b) & James Markham commanded the "*Tempest*." "

Pension Office February 23, 1849

I certify that I have examined the claim of the legal representatives of James Malcom deceased under the act of Congress of the 5 July 1832 entitled "An Act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia" and I find that the said Malcom was a Captain in the State Navy of Virginia in the war of the Revolution and was made a prisoner of war by the enemy in 1781 and so confined until the end of the War, and thereby became entitled to half pay for life and that the said Malcom died about the close of the year 1811 or early in 1812, I am therefore of opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of \$250.93 per annum from the 22nd April 1783 to the first of October 1811 and that the amount should be paid to Frederick Vincent, Attorney of Charles H Gerken [could be Yerken] Administrator on the estate of the said Captain James Malcolm deceased.

S/ J L Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
S/ W. L. Marcy
Secretary of War

[Note: at the bottom of this page is a note which reads as follows: *The service stated above is that assigned to Captain James Markham Virginia State Navy see his claim R72. Consult reports in that claim and never write this up unless you read the other. This is all wrong. AU!* From this note, it appears that the staff at the pension office decided that James Markham and James Malcom were one and the same. See [James Markham R72.](#)]

[Note: there is a reference to in [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed under the name James Malcolm, Capt. VA navy, but that entry refers to the file of James Gray, Lt. in the Navy. The contents of Gray's file as posted on the website are totally illegible.]

¹ Va half pay. See N. A. Acc. No. 837—Virginia State Navy James Malcom Y S File Va. Half Pay