

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Morton S2007

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State of Tennessee Gibson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the 7th day of June A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices thereof now sitting for the County of Gibson, William Morton a citizen of Gibson County Tennessee about the age of seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He states that he served two years in the Virginia State troops. He enlisted in September 1779. I served under Captain Edmund Reed, my Lieutenant William Olmsted, Major John Nelson commanded the State troops of the Virginia Light dragoons, Captain Armong [Charles Armand, Marquis de la Rouerie] commanded the 2nd Company, the 3 & 4 companies were polanders [sic, Polish?] he forgets the names – We were commanded by Lafayette in the campaign of 1781 – in the year 1780 I served in the guard that guarded Burgoyne's troops – I was in the battle of Green Springs [July 6, 1781]. My time expired the 9th of September 1781 & was discharged during this term I served as quarter master Sergeant – I then entered the Army as a substitute and went to the siege of York, after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], I was sent with the prisoners to Fort Frederick in Maryland & was there discharged, when I first entered the service I lived in Charlotte County Virginia. I was acquainted with General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], Lafayette & many other Officers of distinction – my two discharges I have long since lost. I know of no person in this Country by whom I can be able to prove the actual service – I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Wm Morton



[Theodoric C. Haskins, William W. Lea and Isham F. Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$180 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a quarter master Sergeant for 2 years in the Virginia service.]