

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Morrison S2869

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[Given the similarities of name, place of residence and given some similarities between the services described by this veteran and the James Morrision pensioned under FPA S40183, I think it possible that the two pensioners were one and the same man.]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: August Sessions 1832

On this 27th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting – James Morrison a resident of said County and State aged about 74 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 provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he volunteered his services under Captain Martin [perhaps Joshua Martin] of Pittsylvania County Virginia and Lieutenant Penn of the same County and State shortly after the commencement of the Revolutionary war in an expedition against the Indians the particular year not recollected. He traveled near the head of Roanoke<sup>Va</sup> by a place known by the name of Big Lick to a place on New River Va called Culverson's Bottom where he remained for some time, until discharged by Captain Martin, he then returned home after performing a Two months tour, his discharge, however, by Martin has been casually lost, as he was not aware of its being of any importance at this late day – He further declares that shortly after he returned he enlisted in the Army of the United States in or about the year of 1776 as well as he now recollects with Captain Thomas Hutchins [Thomas Hutchings] and Lieutenant Dunn [perhaps Peter Dunn, but he is listed as having died December 26, 1777] of Pittsylvania County Virginia in the 6th Regiment of the Virginia line and joined the main Army under General Wheaton [probably a mistaken reference to General George Weedon] at Williamsburg Virginia from thence he went by water in attendance on the sick to the head of Elk (the State he does not know) where Dunn took the command (as Captain) Hutchins having resigned at Williamsburg – of their company – He was under Dunn during the rest of his service in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York from New York City he was ordered back to Princeton where Washington's Army commanded at that time by himself in person fought a battle [January 3, 1777] in which he was not present being sick of the small pox – from thence he was marched to Philadelphia, where he remained some time, he was shortly afterwards, in Pennsylvania in the vicinity of Philadelphia, discharged – He was a resident of Pittsylvania County Virginia when he enlisted in March, and he thinks, 1776. He was discharged in March after serving two years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

He states that his enlistment under Hutchins was for 12 months but in consequence of his

Captain being changed and unable to prove that fact he was continued for an additional 12 [? written over and unclear] months. He further states his discharge is lost and cannot be found or produced.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk

S/ James Morrison, X his mark

[f p. 5]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County, County Court April Term 1855: Revolutionary Pension Claim James Morrison of Tennessee

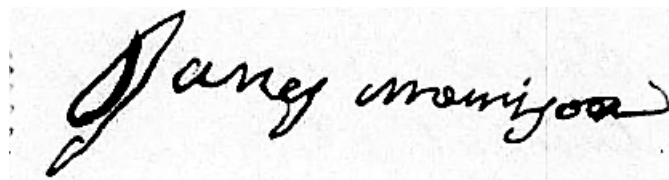
Declaration of heirs by James Morrison an heir--

On this 2nd day of April A.D. 1855 personally came before the Hawkins County Court for the state aforesaid James Morrison a citizen of said County and State of Tennessee who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath declares, that he is a son of James Morrison, the identical person who was a revolutionary pensioner, and who is now dead and the identical James Morrison to whom a certificate of pension issued under act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832, and dated the 26th of April 1833 for the sum of \$80 per annum Commencing on the 4th of March 1831 – which is herewith surrendered. That the deceased pensioner resided in Hawkins County Tennessee during the whole term of his being paid as pensioner and for 31 years before and previous thereto he resided in the County of Pittsylvania State of Virginia. That the said James Morrison pensioner died on the 3rd day of March 1842 in the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, that he left no widow but left the following lawful children to wit: John, Anna, David, Polly, Betsy, James, Nelly, William, Jane, Rhoda and Rachel, all of whom or their heirs are still living, that the administrator of said pensioner's estate is dead.

And the said James Morrison for himself and for his brothers and sisters aforesaid all of whom are the only lawful heirs of his father aforesaid alleges and to the best of his knowledge, information and belief declares and swears that his father the said James Morrison aforesaid served in the aggregate a period of two years or upwards in the revolutionary war in such grade as to entitle him to receive \$96 per annum as will appear by a review of the testimony upon which his said Certificate for \$80 per annum was issued. That he never received during his time of being pensioned that is to say from the 4th March 1831 to the 4th day of September 1841 but \$80 per annum as is set forth in his said Certificate herewith, that since the said fourth of September 1841 need of the said pensioner his father aforesaid, his personal representative or the heirs were ever paid what was due upon the said Certificate from the said date of the death of said pensioner's death aforesaid to his knowledge.

In view therefore of the facts and allegations aforesaid the said James Morrison for himself and brothers and sisters claims \$96 per annum as per said act of Congress prescribed commencing on the 4th of March 1831 and ending on the 3rd day of March 1842 to be credited with payments of \$80 per annum from the 4th of March 1831 to the 4th day of September 1841, and in support of said claim submits the annexed additional testimony and prays him that Certificate issued payable to himself and his brothers and sisters aforesaid and herein identified for the amount due to be paid at Jonesboro Tennessee.

S/ James Morrison

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Morrison", written in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written over a faint, rectangular stamp or watermark.

[f p. 6-7: On April two, 1855 in Hawkins County Tennessee John Ball, Jr and William Light gave testimony in support of the application of the heirs of the veteran stating that the veteran died on March 3, 1842 leaving no widow, but survived by the following children: "... That is to say 1. John Morrison Roane County Tennessee. 2. Anna, who intermarried with Lewis Dalton, both died in Hawkins County Tennessee but left five living children as surviving heirs none of whom live in Hawkins County Tennessee. 3. David Morrison Hawkins County Tennessee blind and unable to attend Court. 4. Polly Morrison Greene County Tennessee. 5. Betsy who intermarried with Abner Deatherage Roane County Tennessee. 6. James Morrison Hawkins County Tennessee. 7. Nelly who intermarried with James Hall Greene County Tennessee. 8. William Morrison Greene County Tennessee. 9. Jane, who intermarried with John Light Hawkins County Tennessee. 10. Rhoda who intermarried with Stacy Light of Hawkins County Tennessee. 11. Rachel who intermarried with Jonathan Light Washington County Tennessee...." They testified that Lewis Dalton was the administrator of the estate of the veteran and that Lewis is dead.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for two years in the 6th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment.]