

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Morton S38238

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State of Kentucky Madison County & Circuit: Sct.

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Richard French sole & presiding Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting Samuel Morton a resident of said County of Madison aged 88 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

That in 1775 he was residing in Halifax County Virginia – that in that year or the year 1776 he volunteered for twelve months in the service of the United States as what was then called a minute man – During one of these years according to the best of his recollection, his memory by reason of his great age having failed him a good deal, he was called out against Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of Virginia] to protect the people of Virginia against him & the British, who were sailing up the Rivers & bays,, burning houses, carrying off stock & provisions & plundering the Inhabitants – His first Captain was Peter Rogers [Peter Rodgers], Thomas Threot [? Thomas Thweat or Thweatt?],<sup>1</sup> was his Lieutenant & Hayms Morgain [Haynes Morgan] was Colonel – we were marched to Guinns or Guinns Island [Gwynn Island] & were stationed there he thinks near four months. We marched to several points on James River to guard the Country against the British who sailed up & down the River committing depredations – His best recollection is he was called as a minute man on two or three occasions & served as such in actual service in Virginia not less than nine months – He afterwards was called out whilst a minute man & served a campaign against the Cherokee Indians was under same officers. He cannot state certainly what year this was but thinks it was in 1776 – he was absent between two and three months – he was sometimes stationed in what was called the Long Islands of Holston [River] to guard the magazine & public stores – [two indecipherable words]<sup>2</sup> of his service as a minute man that he was to be ready at a minute's warning to march, was compelled to keep his arms and everything in readiness – He claims for one year's service as a minute man – a greater portion of which time he was in the active discharge of military duty. He was discharged from this Service in Halifax County Virginia. He thinks he had a written discharge but it has long ago been lost or destroyed. He afterwards volunteered in the militia from Halifax County Virginia as a private he thinks in the year 1781.

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Thomas Thraot was his Captain, Fleming Bates was Lieutenant, Thomas Jones was Major – we were marched to Petersburg – then to Cabin Point, then down near Portsmouth – lay some time at Smithfield & at different points near the Chesapeake Bay. He served out the three months tour and then went into another Company commanded by Richard Gaines \_\_\_ Ferguson was Lieutenant – General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] was Commandant. – He recollects also General Wayne [Anthony writing] was a Regular officer and also Lafayette were with the Army at several places. He served on these campaigns 6 months – He was discharged at Cabin Point. If he had a written discharge he knows nothing of it now – upon reflection he thinks he was called out on the last named Campaigns in the fall 1780 & continued out till spring 1781 – His best recollection is he served eighteen months as a private, a volunteer in the minute service and militia during the Revolutionary war in the service of the United States and for such service he claims a pension. He was born in Prince Edward County Virginia in 1745 – he has now no record of his age – but once had one which has been accidentally lost, according to that record & what he has always understood he was born in September of that year the 23<sup>rd</sup> day – He lived in Halifax County during the war & until 1794 when he removed to Clark County Kentucky where he resided till 1832 when he removed to Madison County Kentucky where he now resides. He has no documentary evidence to prove his services & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to establish them. He is personally known to Josiah Collins a clergyman and to John Duncan both of the County of Madison who can testify concerning the belief of his services & as to his character.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Samuel Morton



[Josiah Collins, a clergyman, and John Duncan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: the veteran died July 19, 1834, place not indicated]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia service.]