

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ebenezer Morse S38243

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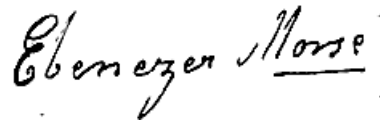
Westmoreland County, State of Virginia 24th May 1818

Ebenezer Morse aged about fifty-five years declares on oath, that he enlisted in April 1779 and went to the South under the Command of James Grey in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in General Scott's [Charles Scott's] Brigade. After the resignation of Captain Grey he served under Captain Robert Beale [also spelled Robert Beal], was present in Charleston at the time that Colonel Richard Parker was killed, and was taken with the rest of the American Army surrendered to the British. The American Army was then under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], this Surrender took place about the 12th May 1780. After which he made his escape and returned home to Westmoreland County and was again called out and was present at the siege of York, The said Morse further states that from many unforeseen circumstances, he in his old days, reduced to a State of want and now stands in need of Assistance of his Country.

Signed and sworn to before me

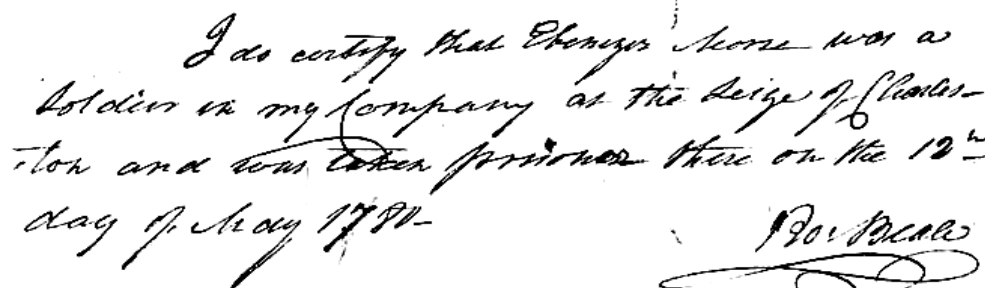
Samuel Templeman, JP

Ebenezer Morse



I do certify that Ebenezer Morse was a Soldier in my Company at the siege of Charleston and was taken prisoner there on the 12th day of May 1780.

S/ Ro. Beale¹



State of Virginia County Court of Westmoreland

On the 24 day of May in the year 1818 came before the said Court being a Court of Record, personally appeared in Open Court Ebenezer Morse, aged about 55 years resident in the said

¹ This MAY be the same man as [Robert Beale BLWt263-300](#)

County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Statement and declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That in the month of April 1779 That he enlisted under Captain James Grey in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heath] in the Continental Service and Virginia line and was attached to the Brigade of General Scott and marched to the Southward. And that after the resignation of Captain Gray [sic] he served under Captain Robert Beale and was at the siege of Charleston, when Colonel Richard Parker was killed. And was taken with the rest of the American Army (which was commanded by General Lincoln) at the surrender of Charleston. This surrender took place about 12th May 1780. After serving more than 12 months, he made his escape from the British about the 31st July 1780, returned to Westmoreland and was called out and served during the Siege of York – He is now old and in very reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support –

[no evidence of signature on this document]

[attested as a true copy of the records of Westmoreland County court by Joseph Fox, clerk of the Westmoreland County court.]

State of Virginia Westmoreland County to wit

On this 26th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of Record agreeably to the Law of the State of Virginia Ebenezer Morse aged about fifty-seven years resident in the County of Westmoreland in said State who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel William Heath [William Heth] and in a company commanded first by Captain Gray [sic] and afterwards by Captain Robert Beale he was at the siege of Charleston where he was taken prisoner and after being exchanged served at the siege of York in Virginia which will more fully appear by reference to his Original declaration filed in the war office dated the 24th day of May 1818 on which a pension certificate was granted the 15th day of June 1819 number 11.991, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

no real estate whatever of any kind.

Occupation formally a Black-Smith, but able to pursue it but little.

Rents Land for which pays \$12.50 per annum

Personal The state. One cow, one set old Smith's tools \$20, other property worth not more than \$10 (beds & clothing excepted)

Family

Himself aged about 57 years, Infirm with the rheumatism and sight very bad. 2nd wife about 25 years old no children

Ebenezer Morse

Westmoreland County to wit

This day Bennett McKoy [sic Bennett McKey]² personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that Ebenezer Moss [sic] was a soldier with him the said Bennett McKoy in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Heath and that the said Moss marched from Petersburg on the 10th day of October 1779 to Charleston where he the said Moss was taken prisoner; the 12th day of May 1780 and that the said Moss made his escape from the Army the 31st of July 1780. Given under my hand this 27th day May 1819.

S/ Wm Middleton

Mr. Saml. Templeman

Sir,

I am perfectly convinced that Ebenezer Moss was a Soldier in the United States service in the 3rd Virginia Regiment & was taken prisoner at Charleston, for what time he enlisted or how long he served I am not able to say but most refer you to Major Robert Beale's certificate.

Your obedient Servant

Parker

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Parker", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 24, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the Virginia service.]

² [Bennett McKey S38197](#)