

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Morriston (Morrison) S40183

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[Given the similarities of name, place of residence and some similarities between the services described by this veteran and the James Morrison pensioned under FPA S2869, I think it possible that the two pensioners were one and the same man.]

State of Tennessee First Circuit: Hawkins County October 5th 1818

This day personally appeared James Morrison before me Edward Scott one of the Judges of the Circuit aforesaid in State aforesaid and being by me duly Sworn according to law maketh the following declaration (viz.) That he is about Sixty-five years of age a Citizen of Hawkins, and has resided in said County of Hawkins for upwards of twenty [?] years. That he enlisted in the War of the Revolution sometime (as nearly as said affiant recollects) in the Summer of 1777 under Captain Thomas Hutchings of the 5th Regiment Virginia, in Pittsylvania County Virginia for the term of two years, that said Regiment belonged to General Weedens [George Weedon's] Brigade; that this Deponent was marched from thence to Williamsburg where the Regiment remained about two [could be ten] months from thence the us Deponent was marched under the Command of General Weedon to Brandywine in Chester County Pennsylvania in which battle [September 11, 1777] this Deponent was – that after the said Battle this Deponent was marched to Fort Mifflin Mills [?] [the Siege of Fort Mifflin or Mud Island Fort, September 26 to November 16, 1777¹] under said General Weedon in the Division commanded by General Greene at the siege of which said Fort this Deponent was from which said place this Deponent was marched to New York from thence to Princetown [Princeton] where a Battle [January 3, 1777] was fought by Washington in which he was victorious and in which battle this Deponent participated but was taken prisoner by the British; having made his Escape from them & joined his Regiment about four weeks thereafter, that this Deponent served his said term of two years honorably & faithfully & was discharged at the Valley Forge by General Weedon, which was an honorable One but which discharge this deponent has not. He states that he gave it to a certain Major William Witcher who stated to this Deponent that if he had his discharge he could get the land he was Entitled to but this Deponent has never received either said land or discharge said Witcher shortly thereafter deceased. He also states that he has no other proof of his said service never received any pension from his Government that he is very infirm and in such indigent Circumstances that he is absolutely stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support – Sworn to & subscribed the day & date above.

S/ James Morrison, X his mark

¹ There is no record of the 5th Virginia Regiment being at the Siege of Fort Mifflin. 200 member of the 7th Virginia Regiment under the command of Col. John Green arrived at Fort Mifflin as reinforcements on October 18, 1777.

Test: S/ Edwd Scott, Judge

On the same day aforesaid Robert Mann² before Mr. Edward Scott Judge &c & made oath according to law & states he was well acquainted with said James Morrison the above applicant for a pension at the time he was in service as above stated & that he believes said Morrison has stated the truth in the foregoing declaration.

S/ Robert Mann

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Mann". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, with a prominent 'R' and 'M'.

[Note: there is no indication in this file that this veteran ever filed the Schedule of property required under the May 1, 1820. Failure to file that schedule would have resulted in the veteran being stricken from the pension list in 1820.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing October 5, 1818 for service as a private for two years in the 5th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line.]

² FPA S38922