

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Morris S41883

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Cumberland County Ss }  
State of Pennsylvania }

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Cumberland County, personally appears James Morris Sr aged sixty years or upwards resident in the County aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, That he the said James Morris enlisted in Fredericktown [Frederick] in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Capt Pendergrass [possibly William Pendergast pension application W26596] in Gen'l. Smalwood [sic: William Smallwood] battalion in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment Maryland line the year 1779 for during the war and that whilst on the march from Georgetown to York in Virginia he was transferr'd from Capt. Pendergrass to Capt. Gaithers [possibly Henry Gaither] company in the 12<sup>th</sup> regm't. Maryland line, that he continued in the said corps untill after the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], after whic time he took the small pox and lay at Williamsburg in Va untill the spring following the taking of Cornwallis, that he was afterward marched back to Fredericktown in Maryland and in the fall after the Peace was proclaim'd he received his discharge – that he was in the battle of the seige of Yorktown in Virginia. Deponent further says that he shortly after he was discharg'd, he was in Baltimore he sold his certificate for his land together with his discharge to some speculator and by that means lost it entirely and that he is in reducd circumstances and stand in need of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

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On this third day of August A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of Common Pleas for the County of Cumberland aforesaid (the same being a court of Record in and for the said County and proceedings therein being according to the course of common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & keeping a Record of their proceedings James Morris aged sixty three years resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. He enlisted in Fredericktown in Maryland with Captain Gaither in the 10<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment for during the war, and received his discharge at Fredericktown at the Conclusion of the war, & that the date of his original declaration is August 11<sup>th</sup> 1818 and the number of his pension certificate in 11.684

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 property whatever.

By occupation a labourer and by reason of a sore leg not able to work at manuel labour to support himself.  
Sworn to and declared on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D. 1820.

James hisOmark Morris

NOTE: A document in the file states that James Morris died on 4 Jan 1822.