

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Morrisson S5780

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State of Virginia County of Fauquier: SS

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Fauquier now sitting Edward Morrisson a resident of Fauquier County and State of Virginia aged seventy-four years last April 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.

I entered the service of the United States under Captain John Blackwell, Thomas Marshall the Colonel, in July 1777 and served until sometime in October of the same year I was marched to the State of Pennsylvania near the City of Philadelphia and there we joined the regular Army. I entered the service again in the month of May 1780 under Captain Jennings and after marching below the City of Richmond I was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Elias Edmunds and served in and about the City of Richmond until about the middle of July of the same year. I have living testimony of the first tour commencing July 1777 and ending in October of the same year – but have neither living or documentary evidence of the last tour, commencing May 1780 and ending July following – I enlisted in the same year 1780 for the space of three years but the company not having been filled up, I remained on furlough until the next summer I was then called upon and marched to the lower part of Virginia but often staying there between six weeks and two months I was again furloughed and was never again called upon. Cornwallis having surrendered in a short time after that, I got a discharge from Major Forsyth who lived in the town of Fredericksburg – which discharge I have long since lost.

Question by the court Where and in what year were you born

Ans. In the State of Jersey and in the year 1758

Q. Have you any record of your age

Ans. I have none –

Q. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since that time

Ans. In the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia having moved there when but 11 years old and lived there since that time –

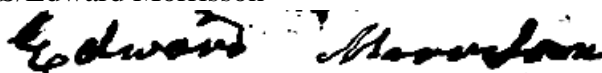
Q. How were you called into service were you drafted were you a substitute or were you a volunteer

Ans. I was drafted twice and enlisted once

Q. Did you receive a discharge

Ans. I did from my enlistment it was given by Major Forsyth, I have lost it. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/Edward Morrisson



The foregoing subscribed and sworn to before me the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833  
S/ Robert Brent

I James Burdett do certify that I am well acquainted with Edward Morrison who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that I served with him the tour commencing July 1777 and ending October of the same year –

S/ James Burdett



[John Loupen [?] and James Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Fauquier State of Virginia Edward Morrison of Fauquier County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. I entered the service of the United States as a private under Captain John Blackwell Colonel Thomas Marshall commanded the Regiment for a tour of three months; commencing July 1777 in the October 1777 and served full three months. I was marched to the State of Pennsylvania, near the City of Philadelphia, and joined the Grand Army there; I entered again in the month of May 1780 under Captain Jennings marched below the City of Richmond and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Elias Edmunds and served in and about the City of Richmond for the space of two months being discharged about the middle of July of the same year. I enlisted in the same year for the space of three years under Captain William Roy: Major Forsyth and General Spotswood were the officers (Legion of Horse) I remained on furlough until the next summer: was then called upon marched to the lower part of Virginia, remained about two months or six weeks and was furloughed again: I was frequently called out and had several times to march seventy or eighty miles to said orders [??]<sup>1</sup> and though but a very short time on actual service still I had to remain always ready to march at a minute's warning and was unable to engage in any permanent business, and lost as much as if I had been all the time in actual service. I got a discharge from Major Forsyth in Fredericksburg – I am well known to Colonel John Mar[page damaged, text missing], Thomas Marshall, Daniel Payne, John Payne, Thomas Hillary and many others who can testify to my character as a man of [page ends here; no further related page in this file. The missing page also is not contained in the HeritageQuest.com version of this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.49 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private of Cavalry & infantry in the Virginia service for 6 months & 12 days.]

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<sup>1</sup> said order