

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Morton¹ S9035

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I James Morton of Willington in the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war at which period I was a Lieutenant in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia Line.

And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates commonly called commutation certificates for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay: which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

Witness my hand this 18th day of July in the year 1828.

S/ James Morton



[John Crute² and Hezekiah Morton³ of the said County of Prince Edward gave testimony that the applicant is generally reputed and believed to have been an officer in the Army of the Revolution and that they know that he was such to their own knowledge.

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State of Virginia Cumberland County: SS

On this 23rd day of June in the year 1843 Personally appeared before me the undersigned Allen Wilson a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Cumberland in the State aforesaid the declarant James Morton aged 87 years a resident of said County & State, 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 services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than 5 years in the Capacity of Ensign and Lieutenant that during a part of that period he also served as Quarter Master in the Army of the Revolution from the first day of April 1778 to the 31st day of December 1781: The precise length of time of his whole services, and the particular officers under whom he served, and the services rendered can be ascertained by reference to his former declaration⁴ made for a pension and now on file in the

¹ BLWt1514-200—Lieut. Issued Apr. 26, 1798. No Papers

² [John L. Crute S24980](#)

³ BLWt69-300

⁴ There is no detailed application in this file containing references to the officers under whom the veteran served.

Pension Office at Washington to which he formerly made oath and now refers to, and adopts as a part of this: And for such services as Ensign Lieutenant and Quarter Master he claims a Pension: which pension for services as Ensign and Lieutenant was allowed under the Act of 15th May 1828 he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

S/ James Morton

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D ^r The United States In Account with James Morton C ^t	
1773 To pay as Ensign from 1st Jan 77	1781 By pay & subsistence
to 30 October following 56 12 ..	Rec ^d at Sandy leaves 691 14 ..
To pay as S ^t from 1 Oct 1777 to	Sept By cost of Benj Harrison 10 00 ..
31st December 1781 107 11 ..	By sum of M Simmons 33 12 7/8
To pay as Q ^r Master from	By cost from Commissary
1st Sept 78 to 31st Dec 1781 175 10 ..	prisoners Charleston 3 11 5
To returned values 51 10 ..	By L ^t sent by State of
21st February 1783 520 -	Virginia at D ^r 8 18 6
Sum to before B. 40 5	By Sum of Certificates 6 18 11
528 - 60	557 16 7/8
The foregoing is truly copied from a Book of Settlements of Officers of the Revolutionary Army of	
France enclosing hand at the Auditors Office	
Richmond this 19th day of May 1843.	
J. B. Beatty Aud	

[p 9: There is a letter dated July 24, 1843 from W S Morton [could be W L Morton] inquiring as to the application of his father, James Morton, for a pension.

W. S. Morton --this is the only reference to any member of the veteran's family I found in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant & Quarter Master for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

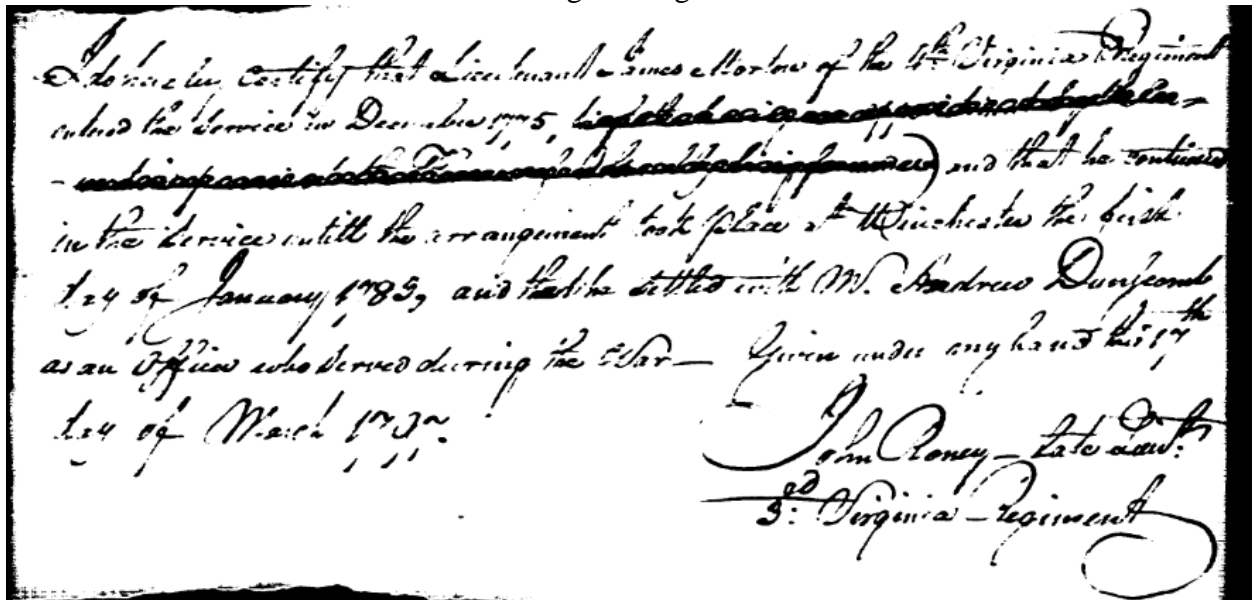
I do Certify that Lt. James Morton was appointed Quarter Master to the 4th Virginia Continental Regiment the first day of April 1780 and continued Quarter Master till the first day of January 1782.

Given under my hand this 8th day of January 1783

S/ Chs. Scott, B. G. [Charles Scott]

I do hereby Certify that Lieutenant James Morton of the 4th Virginia Regiment entered the service in December 1775 and that he continued in the service until the arrangement took place at Winchester the first day of January 1783, and that he settled with M. Andrew Dunscomb as an Officer who served during the War – Given under my hand this 17th day of March 1797.

S/ John Roney, late Lieut.
3rd Virginia Regiment



I do hereby certify that Lieutenant James Morton of the 4th Virginia Regiment entered the service in December 1775, and that he continued in the service until the arrangement took place at Winchester the first day of January 1783, and that he settled with M. Andrew Dunscomb as an Officer who served during the War – Given under my hand this 17th day of March 1797.

John Roney - late Lieut.
3rd Virginia Regiment

Lieutenant James Morton continued in service to the end of the War, his continuance being upwards of seven years [he] is undeniably entitled to the additional allowance in Lands. Given under my hand this 17th March 1797.

S/ James Wood, late B G

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

indexed under the name "James Moreton"

I do Certify that Lieutenant James Morton formerly of the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment entered into service early in the year 1776 and continued in the same until the end of the War which concluded the 15th November 1783.

Given under my hand this 16th of October 1807

S/ James Wood, formerly B. General
Continental Army

James Morton has drawn for his 7th years service as a Lieutenant. Certificate says from January 1776.

S/ Wm Price, Regr.