Virginia documents pertaining to Edmund Morton VAS3880
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Morton, Edward. The name is also given as Edward Morton in many other records.]

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

Your Memorialist the undersigned Elizabeth C Donaldson respectfully represents that her Ancestor Edmund Morton, as she has always understood and verily believes was Commissioned as a Lieutenant in the State Navy of Virginia in the Commencement of the Revolutionary War. He was taken Prisoner by the British whilst in the prosecution of his duties in the said Service, and died at some period antecedent, and prior to the close of the said War. She therefore prays an investigation of her claim, and if fully and properly sustained by the accompanying evidence, she humbly prays your Excellency to Cause and direct a Warrant to issue in her name as the only surviving heir of the said Lieut Edm’d. Morton, for the Land bounty to which he is entitled, as may seem fit and proper.

And your petitioner will ever pray. Elizabeth C Donaldson
Sworn to, and Acknowledged before me this 1st day of March 1838.
D C. Barran[?] an Alderman of Norfolk Borough

Monday 25 November 1776.
Edmund Morton is recommended to his Excellency the Governor and the Hon’ble the Council as a proper person to be appointed first Lieut of the Schooner Revenge in the room of Lt. Aaron Jeffries who is appointed to the Command of the Sloop Liberty. From page 116.

Saturday 6th September 1777.
Ordered that a Warrant issue to Lieut Edmund Morton for the use of his Wife Mrs Morton for twenty pounds upon account as pr order from the Governor. From page 279.

Wednesday the 20th day of May 1778.
Ordered that the Keeper of the Public Store deliver to Mrs Morton wife of Lieutenant Edmund Morton who is now prisoner fourteen yards of white or check linen, on her paying for the same. From page 399.

The foregoing entries are truly copied from the Journal of the Navy Board
Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 1st day of March 1838
Jas E Heath Aud

Wednesday the 20th day of May 1778.
Ordered that a Warrant issue to Lieutenant Edmund Morton of the Schooner Revenge for the use of Mrs Morton his Wife for Seventy pounds upon account as leg[?] recommendation from the Governor. See page 399.

The above is truly copied from the Journal of the Navy Board.
Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 5th day of March 1838.
A. W. Morton 1st Clk/ Aud. [undeciphered]

Norfolk Borough to wit  [20 Feb 1838]
Before me [undeciphered] of the Borough aforesaid personally appeared Robert James Leggett aged seventy three years on the [undeciphered] who being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that in the early part of the war of the revolution [several undeciphered lines] His family resided at the time of his death on Mill Creek… Princess Anne [the rest mostly undeciphered]