Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Montgomery1 R16521  f10VA
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Pension office September 18, 1838
I certify that from an examination of the claim presented at this office on account of the military service of the late James Montgomery deceased who was a Lieutenant of Infantry in the Virginia State Troops, I am satisfied that he served in that grade until he became a supernumerary officer; that he was drowned in the year 1784; that the case is embraced by the provisions of the act of Congress of the 5th of July 1832, entitled "an act to provide for the liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia;" that the claim should therefore be allowed at the rate of $160 per annum from the 22nd of April 1783 when the war ended, to the first of January 1784; and that the amount should be paid to the Honorable James Harlan, of Harrodsburg Kentucky, attorney of John Montgomery, administrator of said James Montgomery, deceased.

Commissioner of Pensions
Approved September 1838
Acting Secretary of War

Pension office July 18, 1844
I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of John Montgomery of Kentucky, administrator of James Montgomery deceased who was a Lieutenant of Infantry in the Virginia State Troops: and I find that the claim under the act of July 5, 1832, entitled "An act to provide for the liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," was paid in September 1838 to the Honorable James Harlan, attorney of John Montgomery, administrator of said James Montgomery, at the rate of $160 per annum from the 22nd of April 1783 to the first of February 1784; but under a decision of the Secretary of War in January 1842 in the case of William Roberts; the Officer or his representative are entitled to half pay from the time of the expiration of the Officer's service and as it appears that Lieutenant Montgomery became supernumerary on the 31st of December 1781, the half pay at the rate of $160 per annum should now be paid from the first of December 1781 to the 22nd of April 1783. The amount due is payable to the Honorable Lynn Boyd, of Kentucky, attorney of said John Montgomery, administrator of James Montgomery, deceased.

S/ Commissioner of Pensions
Approved
Secretary of War

1 Va. Half Pay N. A. Acc. No. 874 See 050 118 Half Pay James Montgomery
George C Whiting Esquire  
Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington DC  
Dear Sir  

My great grandfather James Montgomery held a Lieutenant's Commission in the Virginia Service during the Revolutionary War and died while in the service at a place called (I think) White Plains New Jersey he probably was commissioned somewhere, either between the years 1765 & 1776 as he died, as I have always understood about the year 1777 or 1778, leaving as a heirs my grandfather, James Montgomery and Peggy Montgomery his sister and also his (the said Lieutenant's) surviving widow, Martha Montgomery whose maiden name was Martha Sherry. I noticed that in some of the former proceedings of Congress a committee was appointed to investigate and inquire into the different officers and soldiers of the Revolution who were entitled to and who had never received their pay under the act of 1784. This committee among others, I see report Lieutenant James Montgomery (who was my great-grandfather) as not having ever been paid the amount he was entitled to under that Act what I wish is to get the evidence of his being in the service his commission as Lieutenant and the date thereof together with the time of his death must be on record among the Army records of your City. Will you please do me a very great kindness to examine into and procure and send me the original papers (if proper to do so) or a certified copy of the same, showing that he was a commissioned officer, and that he was in the service and also showing when he died. This Lieutenant James Montgomery (my great-grandfather) was the son of Hugh Montgomery of Shrewsbury in York County Pennsylvania and was married to Martha Sherry and she who was once Martha Sherry was at the time of said Lieutenant's death is surviving widow. Please attend to these matters for me, and forward me at your earliest possible convenience the necessary papers to prove his commission, service & death &c and forward your charge for the same and on receipt I will remit you direct your letter to me at  
Greenfield Hancock County Indiana  

And oblige  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Server  
S/ James Montgomery  

James Montgomery