

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Morton VAS764

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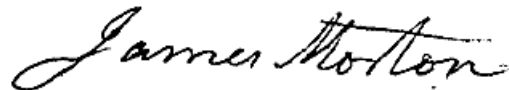
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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Benjamin Morton of Halifax County Virginia having applied to me for a certificate in relation to his services during the Revolutionary War, I can only state, that having been separated from him by the events of the war, I knew but little personally of the services performed by him, and from the lapse of time I cannot recollect the minute details of the duty which common report ascribes to him. I can, however, distinctly certify that he went with me to the siege of York and that I have the fullest belief, that he was at that time engaged in the recruiting service, for Colonel Meade's Legion, though I do not now remember that I saw his written orders or other credentials: Given under my hand this 4th day of March 1833

S/ James Morton



[Attested by James D Wood, JP in Prince Edward County Virginia March 4th, 1833]

Petition for bounty land

Heirs of Benjamin Morton Lieut. State Line

This officer's name has not been found on the Army register: nor on the Rolls of Officers. Three witnesses prove that he was in service in Colonel Mead's Regiment, under the Command of General Spotswood – one of three says – that he was recruiting for this Legion, about the time of the Siege of York. There is no proof of service for three years, or to the end of the war.

It remains for your Excellency to decide

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner

March 20th 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Floyd

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The affidavit of Captain Josiah Legrand of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia, intended to be used as evidence in establishing a claim for half pay and land Bounty in behalf of Benjamin Morton, who was Lieutenant in the State line of Virginia –

Affiant being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith: That he has known the said Benjamin Morton from his infancy to the present date. Being attached to the

Commissary department, he the said Le Grand had frequent opportunities of seeing the said Morton in various parts of the country while in the State service. He feels no kind of hesitation in saying that the said Morton was engaged in the State service of Virginia, either as a soldier or an officer, and as a volunteer, almost from the commencement to the ending of the Revolutionary war. He recollects that the said Morton obtained a commission in the state Legion commanded by Colonel Edward Meade and he thinks was attached to the command of General Spotswood. He recollects the said Morton was recruiting soldiers about the time of the Siege of York – The said Legion was raised by special Act of Assembly for the protection and defense of the eastern portion of Virginia. My present impression is, the said Morton held a commission of Lieutenant in the said Legion, or a commission of Captain – not positively certain which, at this great distance of time, but feels certain it was one or the other. He thinks the portion of the Legion under command of Colonel Meade was organized sometime in the early part of the year 1782. He saw the said Morton while he acted as an officer at Chesterfield Court House, ?orde's Bridge, Gwito [?] Bridge, and various other places, in the lower part of Virginia, to which places he [image of this page is cut off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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[paper damaged and indecipherable word] Randolph and Captain Thomas Mumford were commanding officers in the same Legion. The said Benjamin Morton was considered a very useful an active officer and rendered much service during the Revolutionary War. His impression is, that the said Morton enlisted to serve during the war, and did accordingly serve until discharged by proper authority. The said Morton was raised in the County of Prince Edward & resides at present in the County of Halifax, and was still living a few days back when he saw him in Halifax.

S/ Josiah LeGrand

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Josiah LeGrand". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized, with a prominent flourish at the end.

[Attested November 9, 1833]

[Note: There is another affidavit in this file given by Joseph Woodson¹ of Prince Edward County but the image of it as posted is largely illegibly faint. I have not attempted to transcribe it.]

¹ Perhaps the same man as [Joseph Woodson S6437](#)