

Pension Application for Richard Morrison

S.43022

Northern District of the State of New York SS.

On this first day of November 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Albany in the said district, personally appeared Richard Morrison aged sixty three years, resident in the City of Albany in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he, the said Richard Morrison enlisted for the term of the continuance of the war on the first part of January in the year 1777 in Tappan Village in the state of New York in the company commanded by Captain Gregg (1) of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gansevoort in the line of the State of New York afterwards five regiments was consolidated into two he then was in Capt. Tiebout's (2) comp. & VanSchaick's Regt. on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the 8th day of June 1783, when he was discharged from service in or near New Windsor state of New York that he was in the battle of Yorktown at the taking of Lord Cornwallis (3) and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, but what has been transmitted to the war department. (Signed with his mark) Richard Morrison

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. Estes Howe, Judge Albany Com. Pleas.

State of New York

County of Albany

Court of Common Pleas SS.

On this seventeenth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said state having an unlimited jurisdiction and proceeding according to the Course of Common Law.

Richard Morrison aged sixty five years, resident in the City of Albany in said state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: I Richard Morrison served in the company commanded by Capt. Graigs in the 3rd Regiment of New York Line, and continental Service that I made my declaration before Estes Howe Judge &c on the 31st of April 1818 and that I am now on the pension list at the rate of eight dollars per month that my certificate is numbered 16238.

And I solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

That I am by occupation a [left blank] has no wife nor family nor any stated home or dwelling but lives by the charity of the citizens of Albany together with what little pittance I can earn by my daily labour, that I am quite infirm by reason of age and general debility, that I have no property whatever either real or personal except the few clothes I wear and which I purchased with my pension money. (Signed with his mark) Richard Morrison

Sworn to and declared in open court on the seventeenth day of June 1820 before H.A. Williams Depy Clk.

End Notes—S.43022—Richard Morrison

1. Richard enlisted as a private on February 14, 1777 for during the war in Captain James Gregg's Company (Sixth Company) in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment.
2. Henry Tiebout was a Captain in the Third New York until 1781. On January 1, 1781, the First New York Continental Regiment and the Third were consolidated into one Regiment. Captains Gregg and Tiebout were transferred to the First New York under Colonel Goose VanSchaick. Richard was transferred to Tiebout's Company in 1781. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, Folder 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. The Yorktown, Virginia, Campaign was from September 28 to October 19, 1781 when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his British Forces. It is interesting that Richard doesn't mention the Siege of Fort Schuyler (Fort Stanwix) which lasted 21 days in August of 1777. The Third New York was in this siege. Also he doesn't mention the Sullivan Clinton Campaign of 1779 against the Iroquois Villages in Western New York.