

**Pension Application for William W. Morris**

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State of New York SS.

To—The Honorable Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayors Court of the City of New York which is a Court of Record of the State of New York, the declaration under Oath of William W. Morris formerly an officer in the service of the United States during the the [sic] war of the Revolution now a Citizen of the United States and resident in the City of New York Respectfully sheweth.

That the said William W. Morris sometime in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one received a Commission as Lieutenant and was attached to the second Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Coll John Lamb in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment and particularly attached to Captain William Stevenes Company who was a captain in said Regiment—and that he the said William W. Morris continued in the service of the United United [sic] States against Great Britain from that period as Lieutenant in the said Regiment of Artillery untill the end of the said war when the American Army was disbanded and he honorably discharged from service.

And the Declaration further Representeth that the said William W. Morris is now a Citizen of the United States, resides in the City of New York and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his Country for support and that he hath never received or been allowed any pension whatever by the laws of the United States.

Therefore the said William W. Morris conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States entitled “an act to provide for certain Persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” approved the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and requests that your honor will examine into the truth of the matter, aforesaid certify and transmit the testimony in this case & the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary for the Department of War to the end that such relief may be hand in the premises as is by law in such case provided and and [sic] in support of the facts above set forth the said William W. Morris refers to the oaths of himself and William Leacraft hereafter set forth who was a commissioned officer in the said Regiment of Artillery. (Signed) Wm. W. Morris.

New York 26<sup>th</sup> March 1818.

Sworn before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, R. Riker