

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Morton VAS765

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Virginia – Prince Edward County to wit:

I Josiah Legrand of the County of Prince Edward and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the late Captain John Morton, now deceased, of the County of Prince Edward, and most of the members of his family. The said John Morton was an officer in the Revolutionary war – He departed this life many years since, leaving a Last will and testament, and the following children, to wit: first Charles Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Morton who married Jacob [name written over and illegible], both of whom are now living in the County of Prince Edward – 3<sup>rd</sup> Hezekiah Morton – 4<sup>th</sup> James Morton at present living in the County of Prince Edward – 5<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Morton who resides in Halifax County – 6<sup>th</sup> Joseph Morton – 7<sup>th</sup> Josiah Morton who resides in State of Kentucky – 8<sup>th</sup> Nathaniel Morton – 9<sup>th</sup> Mary Morton who married Obadiah Fuqua – 10<sup>th</sup> Nancy Morton who married Carter Thompson and residing somewhere in the West – 11<sup>th</sup> Sally Morton who married William Fuqua, 12<sup>th</sup> John Archer Morton at present residing in the City of New York – 13<sup>th</sup> Richard Morton – 14<sup>th</sup> Obadiah Morton of Prince Edward – 15<sup>th</sup> Ana Patsy Morton of Prince Edward. That these are all the children of said Captain John Morton, to the best of my knowledge and recollection. And I do further certify, that according to the latest information received, all of the above named children were living except the following, to wit: first Charles Morton, who left three children, to wit, Nathaniel, John and William – 2<sup>nd</sup> Hezekiah Morton who died in the County of Prince Edward leaving 5 children, to wit, William Moseley, Elizabeth who married Judge Hughes, John Campbell, Mary who first married Leonard Anderson and then married Hugh Morton, and Pheeby Morton – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jacob Morton who never married, and left no children – 4<sup>th</sup> Nathaniel Morton left 2 children, to wit, and George Morton and Adelaide Morton who has since married a Mr. Stewart, 5<sup>th</sup> Mary Morton who married Obadiah Fuqua – she had children, but the number and their names are not known – Mary went to the Western Country – 6<sup>th</sup> Sally Morton who married William Fuqua – If she had any children their names are not known to me – 7<sup>th</sup> Richard Morton, he never married, and left no children. These are all of the children who are at present believed to be did – Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833

S/ Josiah Legrand

Petition for bounty land

The Heirs of John Morton Captain C. L.

John Morton, name is on the Army Registered – He received April 20<sup>th</sup> 1780 for a certificate for £10.12 – the balance of his full pay, as Captain of the Continental line, for a

service from January first to March 13<sup>th</sup> 1777 – (see Auditors Certificate)

The minutes of the Committee of Safety show that John Morton was commissioned Captain of Prince Edward Regulars, May 10, 1776 & was recruiting 8<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The Journals of the Council show that John Morton was Captain of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment in December 1776.

The accounts of the Committee of Safety show that Captain Morton was engaged in the recruiting service January 7 – 22, 1776 – (see Auditors Certificate &c)

On the "Roll of [indecipherable word] & supernumerary officers of the Virginia Continental & State Troops" – which document is on file in the first Auditors Office, and of which an extract has been filed with the Petition, John Morton appears as Captain commissioned February 19<sup>th</sup> – 1776 – he is not their said to have resigned: and is presumed to have been supernumerary.

A certified extract from the Journal of William Armistead a public store keeper, or perhaps Commercial agent of the State, has been filed with the Petition. From this document, it appears that Captain Morton received clothing to which he was entitled as an officer – July 4<sup>th</sup> 1780.

The above is the whole of the evidence of public documents relating to this claim.

The evidence of witnesses is as follows

John Foster, a Revolutionary soldier, 80 years old a pensioner of the United States and a man of respectability, says he well remembers Captain John Morton of Prince Edward County – that he enlisted under him & marched to the North with him – That the said Captain John Morton raised a large Company of men, in the early part of the year 1776 and [several indecipherable words due to the poor quality of the image] served until the fall of that year – They were then ordered to the North & attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson. He remembers that Captain Morton whilst in service in the northern Army received a severe wound. He believes Captain Morton was in service upwards of 3 years: and has heard that after he left the northern Army, he was Commissary for the remainder of the war.

Wm Vaughan [William Vaughan] a revolutionary soldier a pensioner of the United States, 86 years old, and said to be a respectable man, says, he was in the northern Army more than 2 years and knew Captain John Morton of the 4<sup>th</sup> or Regiment. This witness says he has read the statement of John Foster and believes it to be correct – he knows many of the facts therein set forth.

In the printed list of Officers &c No. 2, I have [indecipherable word] reported of this claim, in the following words – to wit

"there is no proof of his (Captain Morton's) title to land."

That report was made on the evidence of public documents above; and I ought to say that the whole of the evidence of that description which is now offered was not before me.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c.

Made 19<sup>th</sup>, 1834

To his Excellency  
Governor Tazewell

*(A Roll of the Assigned & Superintending Officers of the  
Virginia Continental & State Troops)*

<i>Names</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Date of Commission</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Corps</i>	<i>Station</i>	<i>Residence?</i>
<i>John Morton</i>	<i>Capt</i>	<i>1776 Feb 19</i>	-----	-----	-----	<i>Pr. Edw?</i>

*Extract from a Roll of Assigned & Superintending  
Officers - The said Roll is without date.*

*Josh. Keeth and*  
  
*and off: 1. April 1834*

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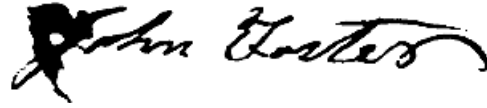
The affidavit of John Foster Senior<sup>1</sup> of the County of Charlotte & State of Virginia intended to be read in evidence in establishing a claim of Land bounty in behalf of the heirs & legal representatives of the late Captain John Morton deceased who was a Captain in the State line of Virginia upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War.

This affiant being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith; that he is now in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of his age and was a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, and is at present drawing a pension for services rendered on that account. He well recollects Captain John Morton of Prince Edward County under whom he enlisted and under whom he marched to the North in order to joined the Grand Army commanded by General Washington. The said Captain John Morton raised a large Company of men in the early part of the year 1776 and first marched them to Portsmouth in Virginia where we were stationed until late in the fall of the same year. We were then ordered to the North, and were marched to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Lawson, under General Stevens [Edward Stevens] - While in the northern Army, he distinctly recollects Captain John Morton received a severe wound in one of his legs from the breaking of a piece of timber, which occasioned him much pain, & to remain in camp for some time. As soon as he recovered, he resumed the command of his company again & was very active in the service so long as he the said Foster continued in the Army. He feels no [indecipherable word] of hesitation in saying that he verily believes Captain John Morton was in the Continental service upwards of three years. After the return of Captain Morton from the northern Army, he was credibly informed by those who knew the facts, that the said Morton acted as Commissary in the Army for the remainder of the War; but this he does not know of his own knowledge - Captain Morton was an effective officer respected by his brother officers, and

<sup>1</sup> FPA S1515

[indecipherably faint word] by his fellow soldiers. And further he saith not.

S/ John Foster



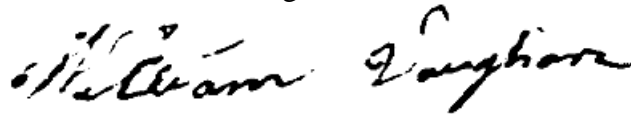
[Attested March 26, 1834 in Charlotte County Virginia]

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State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

I William Vaughan<sup>2</sup> of the County of Charlotte, being called upon to state what I know in regard to the services of the late Captain John Morton of Prince Edward in the Revolutionary war do hereby certify that I am at present in the 86<sup>th</sup> year of my age and was a soldier in the company of Captain John Brent attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. I am also a pensioner of the United States in have been for many years, on account of services rendered in the Continental Army. I was in the northern Army upwards of 2 years, and have a distinct recollection of Captain John Morton and his company from the County of Prince Edward. The said Morton and his company were attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson under General Stevens. The statement of Mr. John Foster Senior has been read to me and I feel no doubt of the correctness of his statement, as many of the facts come within my own personal knowledge. According to the best of my knowledge and belief, the said Captain John Morton was in the Continental service at least 3 years; and was considered an active and efficient officer. He got wounded by some means, which disabled him for a while. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834.

S/ William Vaughan



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<sup>2</sup> [William Vaughan S14754](#)

Journal of the Committee of Safety.

Friday 8th March 1776

A warrant to Mr. Bellamy, Clerk of the Peace, John Morton for £20. 10. 0 for the balance of weekly money and Recruiting expenses in Prince Edward.

from page 12.

Tuesday 17th March 1776.

It appearing from certificates returned that Capt. Stoughton's company Culprose was received the same day with Capt. Spencer's company from Prince Edward and Capt. Green's company from Caroline the result of procedure is determined for Capt. Stoughton to be the other two formerly determined.

from page 58.

Wednesday May 8th 1776.

A warrant to Mr. Warfield, Secy. for the War Dept: for £5. 7. 6 for Rugs, Blankets & other necessaries for Capt. Morton's company of Prince Edward.

from page 103.

Friday May 17th 1776.

It appearing that Capt. Morton's Prince Edward Comps: Capt. Campbell's Dumfries, Capt. Howe's Caroline & Capt. Stoughton's Culprose were received the day 19th Feb. 78th of precedence due to Campbell's Comps. by set orders formerly detd.

from page 113.

The above entries are extracted from the minutes of the Committee of Safety.

E. H. Meath  
Secy.

Recd Off: March 28 1834

[p 22: James Bigger gave testimony on May 16, 1836 in Prince Edward County Virginia that he had a brother (not named) who served under Captain John Morton in the North.]

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**THIS IS TO CERTIFY**, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 29th day of April 1784 in the name of John Bigger as Captain for £ 10. 10. 0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. To wit, from Capt. from 1st Aug 1777 to 15th March following

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 11th day of April 1834.

J. H. Meath  
Auditor.

[Note: There are other affidavits in this file given by William P. Hamlett, James Mullings and Josiah Sharp, but the images of those documents have been split so as to render them difficult to decipher. Consequently, I have not undertaken that task.]