

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morgan BLWt2049-150

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

The District of Columbia Washington County, to wit: Orphant [sic] Court July 8th 1834

Willis Morgan who having his airship satisfactorily proven to the Court, as one of the heirs of Charles Morgan deceased makes oath that in addition to himself the balance of the heirs are John Morgan, Lucinda Tarnes [?], late Lucinda Morgan, John Morgan, Willis Morgan, James Mortin [sic, Martin?] & Lucinda Trail, heirs of Elizabeth Mortin [sic, Elizabeth Martin or Morton?] deceased – late Elizabeth Morgan, Charles Morehead, Alfred Morehead, Susannah Watkins late Morehead and Julia Edwards, late Morehead children & heirs of Ann Morehead Deceased late Morgan & Charles Hughes & Cynthia Ann Hughes, heirs of Polly Hughes deceased late Morehead and Elizabeth Ann, Robert, Mary, Susan and John Willis Morehead, heirs of John Morehead deceased – one of the Heirs of Ann Morehead deceased late Morgan, and Susan Eliza & Rosanna, children & heirs of Rosanna Tapp deceased late Rosanna Morgan, one of the children & heirs of Charles Morgan deceased. The following being the heirs & only heirs of Charles Morgan deceased.

Witness Samuel Chase Esquire, judge of the Orphan's court of Washington County DC this 8th day of July 1838

Test: S/ Henry C Neale, Reg roiles

[p 3: copy of the last will and testament of Charles Morgan of Muhlenberg County Kentucky]

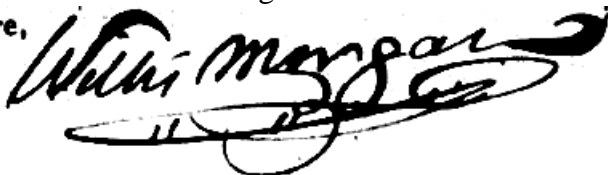
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District of Columbia County of Washington

Island Willis Morgan one of the heirs at law of John Morgan do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that John Morgan did entered the service in 1775, for the term of the War – and served as an Ensign in Regiment No. ___ under the command of Colonel ___ of the Virginia Continental line; and that he continued in service aforesaid until he was slain by the enemy at Qugbeck [Québec].

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to John Morgan aforesaid on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore

S/ Willis Morgan

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[boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed]

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The deposition of William Tomlin¹ taken at the house of William R Smith in Fauquier County and State of Virginia who being of lawful age, and duly sworn, deposes and saith

That he entered the Army during the War of the Revolution in 1776 and continued it at until the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown, – where he was present, that he was born in Fauquier County where he has ever since resided except while in the Army, and that he was well acquainted with Charles and John Morgan, the sons of William Morgan, and went to school with them, and also knew that John Morgan, the son of William, joined the Army, and went to the North, and that he afterwards was told by a certain Bailey Jennings that was with him, that said John Morgan was killed at Québec, where Montgomery fell, and said Deponent further states that he knew Charles and John Morgan, the sons of Simon Morgan, and that he understood that John the son of Simon also joined the Army, and died during the War soon after as he never heard of him after the War, but frequently saw his brother Charles, who was the elder of the 2, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Wm Tomlin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Tomlin". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a thick, dark stroke.

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The Deposition of William Harris taken at the house of Frederick Fishback in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia who being eighty-one years of age 10th of December next and duly sworn deposes and saith that he was the overseer of William Morgan (who was the Father of Charles and John Morgan) during the Revolutionary War, said William Morgan then living in Fauquier County and that he well remembers said John Morgan Enlisting for a Soldier in the Virginia Continental or State and understood that he was made a Sergeant before leaving the State that he died or was slain in Battle at the Storming or Assault upon Québec, and that it was so understood, reported and believed among his relations (and friends that he was promoted to be an Ensign or Lieutenant before his Death at Québec and further this deponent saith not.

S/ William Harris, X his mark

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The affidavit of Daniel Morgan taken at the house of David Bronough Esquire in the Town of Washington Mason County Kentucky on the 11th day of January 1832 who being of lawful age and duly sworn deposes and saith

That he is the reputed son of Charles Morgan who was heir at law to John Morgan the son of Simon Morgan and that his Father as Heir at law to his brother John (who was an Ensign in the 13th Virginia Regiment and died in the Army during the war of the Revolution) drew a Land Warrant for 2666 2/3 acres number 3874 the greater part if not all of which has since been surveyed and patented in the name of my Father Charles Morgan the Son of Simon, and that he also has heard of and knows from report, that his Father Charles Morgan had a cousin Charles

¹ [William Tomlin S6261](#)

Morgan, who was heir at law to his brother John Morgan the son of William and that the last mentioned John Morgan the cousin of his Father Charles Morgan was an Ensign and was slain or died during the war of the Revolution and this Affiant further states that Susannah Clark of Fauquier County Virginia is his father's reputed sister to whom he has referred those interested for information as to the two Ensigns John Morgans and further this Affiant saith not

S/ Daniel Morgan

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The deposition of John Harper taken at the house of James Taggart in the County of Macklenburg [Muhlenberg] State of Kentucky who being of lawful age and duly sworn, deposeeth and saith,

That he was a regular soldier in Captain Jones's Company of 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel Dehons, and that he marched from Philadelphia to Québec and was one of those who got into the town by cutting down the pickets – that while on his March he became acquainted with John Morgan who was a soldier or Sergeant and was promoted to be an Ensign at Albany as he believes, and that he recollects seeing him on the day they got into Québec, acting as an Ensign, and he believes he was killed or wounded so that he died as he see [saw] him afterwards, and he further states, that he does not know what company or Regiment John Morgan belonged to, but perfectly recollects the name, and the man, and believes that he was slain in the streets of Québec, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Harper

The affidavit of John Harper of Mecklenburg County [sic] State of Kentucky who being seventy-seven years of age and duly sworn, deposeeth and saith, that he was a private in the first Pennsylvania Regiment commanded [by] Colonel Dehon, and marched from Philadelphia that on his way to Québec, he became acquainted with a Sergeant of the name of John Morgan, but what Regiment or company knows not, but that he believes that he belonged to the Virginia line, that at Albany he was promoted to be an Ensign and acted as such until we arrived at Québec, where the company he belonged to and the one I belonged to was with others sent to cut down the Pickets next [to] the water, which we done, got in Québec and formed on the inside when the grape shot commenced coming down upon us from the heights where the traitor Arnold had made the attack and failed while fighting I saw Ensign John Morgan fall with the colors in his hand, he being stationed a small distance to my left, and what became of him afterwards I know not, but believe he was left among the slain, as I never saw or heard of him after we got out of Québec, and this affiant further states that he gave a deposition before to Willis Morgan, who did not think it necessary to take down the particulars at that time which I wanted him to do, and gave them as I have done now, he has since written on to have my deposition again taken, and all the particulars taken down which I have given in the same words as I did before, and further this affiant saith not.

S/ John Harper

[attested December 28, 1831 in Muhlenberg County Kentucky]

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The affidavit of Susan Clarke taken at her own house in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia the 8th day of November in the year 1831, who being of lawful age and duly sworn, deposeeth and saith, that she is the sister of Charles and John Morgan, the sons of Simon; that

Charles was the elder of the two and moved to Kentucky many years ago; that her brother John was an officer, as she understood in the Revolutionary War, and died during the War. This affiant further states that she had two cousins, Charles and John Morgan, who were the only sons of William Morgan by his first wife; that Charles the elder of the two, moved to Kentucky many years ago, and died there, and that her cousin John, his brother, went into the Army during the Revolutionary War, and died there as she understood, and further she saith not.

S/ S. Clarke

[facts in file: Charles Morgan was the older brother of John Morgan; Charles Morgan moved in 1783 from Fauquier County Virginia to Kentucky where he died in Muhlenberg County Kentucky in 1822 survived by the children and grandchildren listed in the document first above transcribed; Susannah Clark of Fauquier County, Virginia testified in 1831 that she is the sister of John and Charles Morgan, sons of Simon Morgan and that her 2 cousins, Charles and John Morgan, sons of William Morgan, were the only sons of the said William Morgan by his first wife.]

[Note: I have not tried to untangle one John Morgan, Ensign, from another John Morgan, Ensign. Untangling such issues is beyond the scope or purpose of this database.]

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

This is to Certify that Ensign John Morgan of Captain Benjamin Harrison's Company of the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell; Engaged in the service on the 16 day of December in the year 1776 at Fort Pitt and that he marched from Fort. With said Regiment to the Grand Army, and that he died in the service. Given under my hand this 28th day of March 1785

S/ Thomas Moore, late Captain 8th Virginia line

S/ John Gibson, late Colonel Virginia line

At a Committee held according to the Act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the appointing of officers in the County of Yohogana [Yohogania County] on the Continental establishment at Pittsburgh 16th December 1776

Resolved that John Morgan be appointed as Ensign in the County of Yohogana and you are hereby authorized to in duct men agreeable to the act of General Assembly and make report of your proceedings to the next committee on the 2nd Wednesday in January 1777

By order of the Committee

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[Note: a second file relating to a claim for bounty land based on the service of an Ensign John Morgan contains 24 pages and consists of the same documents in the federal bounty land claim.]