

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Morgan R7382

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The State of Missouri } S.S.

County of Platte } }

On this 2nd day of Feb 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Court of Platte County aforesaid now setting Joseph Morgan a resident of Platte County in the State of Missouri aged one hundred and two years the 2nd day of January 1841 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army or rather that he was pressed in Toulon in France and sent to the United States, by France in fulfillment of a negotiation made by Gen'l. De La Fayette [Marquis de Lafayette] with the French Government for supplies of men And served in the Santout Regiment under Col. DeRamy My Capt's name was De La Deson as well as he recollects, having lost his discharge he does not now recollect the year but he thinks it was 1778 or nine. The Time of the year that he entered the service he does not now recollect Is impressed at this time it was in the fall of the year and the next spring we were Landed at Newport in Rhode Island [11 Jul 1780] He come out under the Command of De Ternay Your Affiant belonged to the land Forces which consisted of four Regiments as well as he recollect & he states he thinks there were about [illegible word] Thousand men in all of the French Land Forces under the Command of Genl. Count De Rochambau Genl [William] Heath was the Commandant of the United States forces Then Then he states that they remained in Rhode Island for some time, From Rhode Island he marched to Philadelphia From thence to the head of Elk River [at present Elkton MD] from thence he went to Baltimore. he states that he was at the Battle of York Town and taking of Cornwallice [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] previous to that however he was in the Battle of Brandiwine [sic: Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777]. After the taking of Cornwallice he states he was not in any other Battle during the war After the Battle of York Town this Affiant state he embarked on the Fleet under the Command of Count Le Grasse [sic: Comte de Grasse] and sailed for Jamaica he states that he was drafted out of the Troops under the Command of De Rochambeau and was put on board of the Ville De Pary [sic: *Ville de Paris*] under the Command of Count Le Grasse who was on board of the said Valle De Parry in person and had under his Command Ten ships of war and Two Scouting Friggets and set sail for Jamaica for the purpose of attacking the same in aid of the Spaniards The Expected to meet with the Spanish Fleet on their way but instead of which they met with the English Fleet of war Commanded by Admiral [Sir George Brydges] Rodney with whom they had a hard Battle and was defeated [Battle of the Saintes, 9 - 12 Apr 1782]; had some of our ships taken prisoners among the number Ville De Parry the ship Count Le Grasse was upon and your affiant Admiral Rodney discharged Count Le Grasse and his men. said he could not keep them. sent them home to France upon Count Le Grasse pledging his honor that he would not fight any more against England during the war. This was in the Fall as well as this affiant now recollects and the next Spring [15 Apr 1783] peace was made between England and the United States When your affiant got Back to France he landed at Bordaux [sic: Bordeaux] where your affiant received his discharge which your affiant states he has lost Your affiant states he Remained in France about a month when he set sail in a merchant ship bound for Philadelphia landed at Philadelphia in the latter part of the Fall in the same year after peace was made Remained there all winter the next Spring Removed to Franklin County in the State of Pennsylvania where he settled in Chambersburg where he remained a few years, State that he mooved from Chambersburg to Conocochiager[?] in Franklin County where he continued to reside near fifty years In the year 1836 he left said neighbourhood In Company of his son in Law George Kay for the state of Indiana where your affiant settled with his Son in Law aforesaid in the Fall of the year 1836 In Wayne County where your Affiant

Remained Till the Fall of the year 1839 when he removed from said State to the State of Missouri in Company of his said son in Law and settled in the County of Platte in said state in the Spring of the year 1840, where your affiant is now living your affiant states owing to the great lapse of time since his services was performed he dose not now recollect the length of time exactly he was in the survice of the United States But refers the department to the History of the times for Information as he presumes the department has it in its power to inform its self from the Records in the Department touching the services of the French Troups Your Affiant presumes his name will be found on the Roll and the length of time those French Troups that came out under the Command of Count De Rachambeau was in the service of the United States will appear from the inspection thereof But from the time he entered the service in France for the United States till he got his discharge again in France he thinks was over three years He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State

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