

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Morgan S18985

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Judicial District of Kentucky Sct.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1819 before me, the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said district, personally appeared William Morgan aged 60 years, resident in Shelby County an infirm man, in 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 William Morgan enlisted for the term of during the War, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1778 at Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. Holman Minnis [BLWt1506-300] of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Ball [Burgess Ball BLWt252-500] in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment, in which situation he continued to serve in said Corps in the service of the United States untill the war was over when he was discharged in the Island of Jamaica; that he was taken Prisoner at Charles Town [Charleston] South Carolina when General [Benjamin] Lincoln surrendered his Army [12 May 1780] and was sent on board a Prison Ship to Jamaica, where he was released as above stated after the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace [Treaty of Paris ratified by Congress 14 Jan 1784]; 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; Sworn and declared to before me the day and year aforesaid.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County Sct

Shelby Circuit Court June Term 1820

On this 30th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record of Common law and Criminal Jurisdiction for the Circuit and State aforesaid, William Morgan aged sixty three Years resident in the County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain Holman Minniss in the first Virg'a Reg't Commanded by General [William] Woodford That he continued in that Reg't. untill he was taken Prisoner at the capture of Charlestown and was continued prisoner untill the end of the War. He further states that he is old and very infirm his health so bad that he has not seen a well day for some years. he has a Wife who is old and vary sickly and infirm for twelve or thirteen Years he has five children living with him who are all Daughters the oldest about sixteen years old and down to the youngest who is about Ten years of age they are helpless and expensive to him and unable to assist him in support of his family he has a daughter with three small children living with him and has to take care of them who was married and whos Husband turned out trifling and has run off and left her.

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. He further states that he made application by his declaration dated the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov'r. 1819 for a pension and received his pension certificate dated 20th April 1820 No 16,740 the following is a Schedule of all his property towit

He holds one Hundred acres of land worth about Eight Hundred dollars, five head of Cattle worth about forty one Dollars One Horse & saddle worth about sixty five dollars two mares and colt worth about twenty Dollars three sows & some shoates worth about \$5[?] four old chairs one dollar one cupboard

\$18 Desk \$18 [one or two illegible words] One clock \$16 Some cooking utensils One table furniture worth about thirteen dollars making the whole of the property he owns or in his possession Amt. to about One Thousand & twenty three Dollars He also states that he is in debt for part of the property he holds about One Hundred & fifty Dollars leaving his property amt to \$887 Wm Morgan

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

State of Kentucky

Shelby County Sct [20 March 1833]

I William Morgan now a Citizen of the [undeciphered] County of Shelby do Swear that in the year 1777 I enlisted as a private soldier in the war of the revolution for and during the war, and that I served in Captain Holmes Minis's Company of the first Virginia Regiment, for and during the war of the revolution, and was from said service discharged Honorably which discharge I have lost. I was for my services placed on the pension roll of the United State on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 1829 under the act of congress of Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 1828, that I never have received my bounty land due me from the State of Virginia, nor have I transfered my right thereto to any one that I am now in my 70<sup>th</sup> year of his age William X Morgan

NOTE: A letter in the file states that Morgan was not on the pension roll on 15 Mar 1828, possibly having been stricken for having too much property to qualify under the act of 1820. He appears to have successfully applied under the act of 1828. On 17 May 1837 he made an application to transfer his pension from Indiana to Shelby County KY, which is misfiled with pension application S5782 of a different William Morgan. In the application, Morgan gave the following reason for moving to Kentucky: "I First resided in Kentucky when I obtained a pension certificate which I here with enclose then on the account of my children I was induced to remove to the State of Indiana thence Back to Kentucky where Expect to and Intend to Remain." On 20 Mar 1855 Morgan applied for bounty land.