

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morgan S21383

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State of Tennessee Warren County: April Term of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Session A.D. 1834

On this 8th day of April personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful William McGregor, Francis Smith & Philip Hoodenpill [?] the Court of said County now sitting John Morgan a Resident of the Barren Fork of Collins River in the County & State aforesaid aged Eighty years, the 24th day of June next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That is to say:

In the month of January 1776 he enlisted under one Whitefield Wilson (a Recruiting Officer) in Surry County in North Carolina for the term of Two years. Declarant resided in Surry County North Carolina at that time. After the Recruiting Officer had recruited about 60 soldiers we were marched to near Camden in South Carolina where we joined Colonel Armstrong's [Martin Armstrong's] Regiment. The Officers of that Regiment under whom declarant served were General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Armstrong Colonel, __Brown Adjutant Major Micajah Lewis 1st Lieutenant of the company to which Declarant belonged & Joseph Phillips was his Captain. Shortly after he joined Colonel Armstrong's Regiment, his Company commanded by Captain Phillips together with several other companies were ordered to march down to Charleston, which order was executed. At Moncks Corner which is about 10 or 12 miles from Charleston, between the latter City & Camden, they had an engagement with the Tories without serious damage. At Charleston we were stationed about 8 or 9 weeks. From Charleston we marched to Georgetown where we were stationed says 3 weeks. Thence we marched to Wilmington in North Carolina where we were stationed about 5 weeks. From Wilmington we marched to Cross Creek in North Carolina where we had a 2nd engagement with the Tories -- took about 50 or 60 of them Prisoners & guarded them & marched them to Hillsboro in Orange County in North Carolina, where they were taken from us by another guard of the same Regiment & Declarant saw no more of them. From Hillsboro Declarant's company marched to Salisbury in North Carolina where we all got together again viz. the Different Companies of the Regiment. The whole Regiment marched thence to Surry Court House where we were all discharged. My discharge was signed by Colonel Armstrong. I have unintentionally lost or mislaid it so that after diligent search it has not been found. After this discharge Declarant

went back to where his father then lived viz. Shenandoah County Virginia. This was in 1779. Declarant remained at his Father's house about 10 or 12 months. About the expiration of which time, Colonel Tipton [John Tipton?] who was a Militia Colonel & Colonel Campbell [William Campbell?] persuaded Declarant to enlist as a State Soldier with a brother of his (Declarant's) who had enlisted during the war. Declarant agreed & did enlist for the Term of 2 years more. This was done at Millerstown now called Woodstock as Declarant has heard. At all events it was at the Court House of Shenandoah County. He was put under Captain Simon Morgan, Colonel [indecipherable name beginning "G" and ending "cin"] or Gaston was his Colonel & General [indecipherable name, looks like "Stewlian"] his General. From Woodstock, we were marched down to Chesterfield Barracks between Petersburg & Richmond. Thence we marched into Amelia County, where we joined General Maynes Regiment. After joining this Regiment we all went in pursuit of the British to Richmond Virginia & from there to old Jamestown & thence to Williamsburg & thence to Yorktown or Little York where they had fortified themselves -- where we overtook them & had the [indecipherable word] to be [indecipherable word or words] engagement in which Cornwallis was captured [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] & which put a glorious end to a glorious war.

Declarant after this battle & surrender was discharged. His discharge was signed by Nathaniel Lamb & dated 6th day of November in the year 1781. About 8 or 9 years ago Declarant handed that Discharge to Doctor William P. Lawrence now of Nashville who was to apply for his Pension. It has been mislaid by said Lawrence so that Declarant cannot get it. Pleasant Henderson who is now the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Warren & many others in this County have seen said Discharge & could prove any thing in relation to it if required.

Declarant therefore has no Documentary evidence nor does he know of any person in this State whose Testimony he can conveniently procure to establish his services. Colonel Benjamin Tipton who resides on French Broad [River] in East Tennessee can establish Declarant's services as above stated. That his testimony cannot be procured without trouble & expense living as he does a considerable distance off, neither of which he is able to bear.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Edmondson, Clk

S/ John Morgan, X his mark

The following And Robert Tories were propounded to the Declarant John Morgan by the Court aforesaid & the following Answers made thereto by him (to wit)

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Culpeper County Virginia on the 24th June 1754.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have a Record in a little Book in my Father's handwriting. I have it at my house in the Barren Fork.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in Surry County North Carolina when I first enlisted & when I enlisted the 2nd time I lived in Shenandoah County Virginia. Shortly after we took Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] I settled in Montgomery County Virginia, where I lived 30 years. From thence I moved to the Barren Fork of Collins River in Warren County Tennessee where I have lived ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I enlisted as a Volunteer as above mentioned in this Declaration.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I recollect General Wayne, General Stenlon, Colonel Phebacker [probably Christian Febiger], Colonel Gascin or Gasan, General Morgan (Daniel) Captain Fields, Captain Lanely, I saw General Washington at Little York & General Lafayette & others too tedious to name all of them. As to the regiments I recollect Colonel Tipton's Regiment (Militia) Colonel Keller's Regiment, Colonel Netherland [?] Colonel Armstrong -- Colonel Cleveland's Regiment, Colonel Lenoir's Regiment. The general circumstances of my service is detailed particularly in my Declaration with this addition, that I was in the service aforesaid or absent 3 years

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a Discharge on the expiration of my first Term of Enlistment signed by Colonel Armstrong & at Little York signed by one Nathaniel Lamb. Both have been destroyed or lost as particularly mentioned above in my declaration.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: George Spangler, Daniel Spangler, William Young Esquire, Daniel Young Esquire Samuel Lester & others

[Archibald Prater, a clergyman, and James E. Hany gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 20th of December 1834

Sir

I have examined carefully the documents of this office affording evidence of revolutionary services or the name of John Morgan but do not find it to correspond with his declaration. I find the name of John Morgan a private in Captain White's company of the 6th Regiment enlisted 26 April '76, for 3 years, discharged 10th May 79, but I do not find that of a Soldier by that name enlisted for 2 years, yet I think it probable that he served as stated, having understood the names of many Soldiers who served in this southern Army in the early part of the war does [sic, do] not appear on the musterrolls. Joseph Phillips was a Captain in the 4th Regiment in 1776, and James Armstrong commanded the 8th Regiment.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

S/ Wm Hill

Jas. L. Edwards, Esqr.

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This day to wit 3rd day of November A.D. 1834 personally appeared before me an Acting Justice of the Peace for the County of Warren in the State of Tennessee Pleasant Henderson of said County who I do hereby certify to be a man of credible repute & honest character who after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God true answers to make to all such matters as he shall be interrogated into touching the things [indecipherable word] in the

application of John Morgan of Warren County to the War Department of the United States for a Pension under the Act of Congress of June 1832

Answereth & Sayeth

question 1st State whether you are acquainted with John Morgan the Declarant in the Declaration for a Pension now before you?

Answer I am

Question 2. Did you ever see said Morgan's Discharge from the Service in the Revolutionary War? If so state the circumstances which led to your knowledge of that Discharge & what has become of it?

Answer – In the year 1821 John Morgan produced to the Circuit Court of Warren County Tennessee his application for a pension which was allowed by the Court and ordered to be entered upon the minutes of said Court and certified to the War Department of which Court I was then and am now clerk. I refused to perform the above services because Doctor William P Lawrence who was employed by John Morgan to procure his pension failed and utterly refused to pay me the legal fees for rendering said Services. When John Morgan made the application to the Circuit Court of Warren County he produced his discharge signed by Nathaniel Lamb. I recollect this the more distinctly because in copying the discharge in the application, the Copy spelt Nathaniel Lamb Nathaniel Lamm¹ and in comparing the copy with the original before the Court, I made the Correction in spelling. The original discharge I have never seen since. The following is a true copy of the original inserted in the application, to wit

The bearer, John Morgan Soldier of the Virginia Troops having nearly served the time for which he was enlisted He is hereby discharged from the Service.

S/ Nath Lamb, Capt. Comd'g

York November 6, 1781

And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Pleasant Henderson

[Facts in file: Veteran died January 8, 1835; no family data appears in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ A man named [Nathan Lamme SS46454](#) is listed as having served as a Lieutenant and Captain in the 10th and 6th VA Regiments. I could find no other man of that or any similar name who served in the VA service during the Revolution.