

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Morgan S2859

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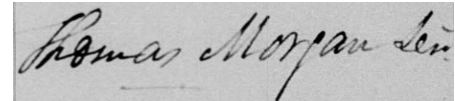
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, / 30 Sept 1828.

Thomas Morgan of — in the County of Oldham in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled “An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution,” approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Lynn’s [David Lynn, pension application W9151] company, in the 4th regiment of the Maryland line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

Oldham Ky. 17 December 1828

Sir [Secretary of Treasury], I have received you Communication requireing of me further evidence in relation to my claim as a Revolutionary Soldier. I now inclose you the deposition of my twin Brother John Morgan [pension application S1238] altho he was not in the Regular Service he seen me often dureing my services in the Continental Army. I also send the deposition [not found] of Charles Baker the Nephew of one of my messmates. I hope Sir this will be sufficient to establish my Claim with the evidence heretofore sent you

With Great Respect I have the Honor to be Your Ob’t Servant



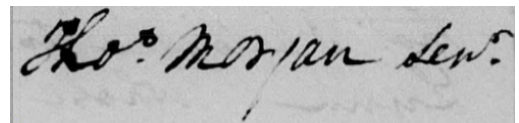
LeGrange. Oldham County Kentucky [no date]

The Hon’ble Secretary of the Treasury of the U.S.

Sir. Haveing dureing the Last year laid in my claim for the benefit of an act which passed allowing compensation to the officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution now living and haveing Received an answer from your Department Calling on me for further Proofs as my name Could not be found on the Rolls at the department I heretofore forwarded my Twinn Brothers Deposition who now lives my neighbour who does know that I inlisted for dureing the war and Served to its termination and was discharged at Annopolis in Maryland

I wrote on dureing the past Winter to the Hon’ble Charles Wickliff who represented the district in which I live in Congress [Charles Anderson Wickliffe, 1823 - 1832) on the Subject of my claim. in my declaration I have stated that I belonged to the Company of Captain Lynn, whose Christian name I had forgot. This Induced Mr. Wickliffe to write to Captain David Lynn and from his answer which Mr Wickliff enclosed to me he is not the Person as He states that he belonged to the 7th Maryland Regiment Commanded by Colo. [John] Gunby [see endnote]. you will find in my declaration that I belonged to the fourth Maryland Regiment commanded by General [William] Smallwood I never went to the Carolinas. at the Close of the War and when Peace was proclaimed I was discharged as before stated at Annopolus in Maryland Major Oxburd [sic: Maj. Alexander Roxburgh] Commanded the Battalion I belonged to. Should the evidence furnished not be though sufficient to establish my Claim I will thank you to forward me the names of the Surviveing Officers of the fourth Maryland Regiment.

I have the Honor to be your Ob’t Servant



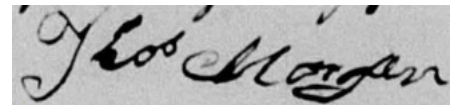
State of Kentucky Oldham County Sct

on this 21st day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit court of Oldham County in the State aforesaid now sitting Thomas Morgan of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy one years 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 the 7th of June 1832

That I was born on the 22^d of September 1761 in St. Marys County in the state of Maryland. That I have seen a record of my age kept by my father, but which has within a few years been either lost or mislaid. My father removed with me to Dorchester county in said State when I was young. In the year 1776 or 1777 I entered the service of the united states in captain Staplefoots company of Militia, and served three or four months in that Company guarding against the invasions of the British gunboats and barges and against the tories & refugees, and was in a skirmish with the British, about this time, who attempted, to take some stores that were for the use of the army at Vienna town, on nanticoke river. In the year 1777 or 1778 I (this declarant) served another tower, for a mess of four men who had to find a man, out of their mess, for actual service. This tower was also served in capt Staplefoots company, and served six months in this tower performing similar services, as in the first tower. From the service of this tower I was discharged at the City of Annapolis and immediately after my discharge and before I left Annapolis I enlisted in the continental line, in Capt. David Lynns Company, to serve during the war and continued in this company untill the close of the war, after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. We were attached to Col. Oxbirds regiment I think the 4th Maryland Regiment, and was commanded by General Smallwood. I was during the said service acquainted with the said Captains Staplefoot, & Lynn. The said Col Oxbird & Genl Smallwood. We marched over part of Maryland in pursuit of Cornwallis, and parts of his Army and through a part of Virginia untill Cornwallis was penned up in York town and was present during the whole of the siege at York town – and until his Lordship surrendered. Declarant frequently saw General Washington and Marquis LaFayette but had no particular acquaintance with them. I received my discharge and a certificate of service, from my commanding officer at the City of Annapolis whither we had been marched for the purpose of being discharged – but both have been destroyed by fire upwards of fifty years ago – and I have no documentary evidence of my service or any part thereof I can prove part of my service by my twin brother John Morgan who served with me part of the time. I no of no other person in existence by whom I can prove the actual performance of the said services. I resided in Dorchester County in the state of Maryland untill I was 45 years old, when I removed to the state of Kentucky where I have continued to reside ever since.

I was in two skirmishes during the siege at Yorktown which were occasioned by the British making sallies from the town while besieged – and we had hard fighting in both these skirmishes.

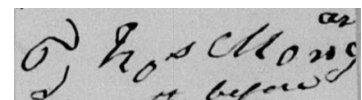
I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state



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This day Thomas Morgan Sen'r. states that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and served as he heretofore stated in his declaration made before the Oldham Circuit Court in the 21st of September 1832 and that he served upwards of three months in Staplefoots Company in the first tour, and in the second tour in said company he served six months and that he served five months in Capt. Lynns Company – all as stated in his said declaration. He knows of no living wittness by whom he can prove his services or any of them except by John Morgan Sen'r by whom he can prove part of them. He had a certificate and a discharge from the service, but it is lost by time or accident. He served as a private soldier during the whole of his service. He probably served longer than he stated above, but that he seved as long a time as he has stated he is certain.

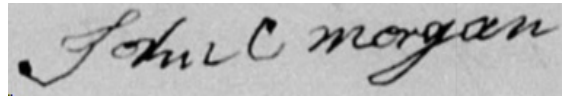
[19 Aug 1833]



Land Office; Annapolis; March 16th 1833;

I Certify that it appears by a roll, in this office; endorsed; “Alphabetical List of Discharged Soldiers of the two Battalions of Militia raised to serve 9 months, or until the 10th day of December 1781;” That the name of Thomas Morgan; appears upon said list to have been discharged on the 3rd day of December 1781; and received £11.18.4
George G Brewer/ Reg’r. L’d. Off. W. S. Md.

I John Morgan Sen’r. of Oldham county do certify that I served in the Revolutionary war with Thomas Morgan, and was one of his messmates – we seved together in Capt Staplefoots company of Maryland Militia In the first tour I think we served three or four months – in the second tour we served six months. I know that the said Thomas Morgan served with me the whole time. I do not exactly remember the time we entered the service for either towers, but we served them within the years 1777 – 1778 & 1779 and 1780. I know that said Thomas also served in Capt. Lynns company of the continental line, after we performed the above mentioned tours. I was with him several times while he was in the service but I do not know how long he served in the said line. All these services were performed before the end of the revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 19th day of August 1833

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John C Morgan". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged.

NOTE: Capt. David Lynn made the following statement in the pension application of Patrick Macher (Machar) R6571: “The Reg’t. on that occasion [the march from Annapolis to Yorktown] was called the 4th Maryland Reg’t. Com’d by Maj’r. Roxburgh. We march’d from Annapolis through George Town, Alexandria, Fredericksburgh & to Williamsburgh, & joined the american & French Army in sight of York Town the day after the British Army had been withdrawn from their outposts [30 Sep 1781], and two or three days before our Army broke ground on the line of our first entrenchment, we assisted in all the operations of the Siege....”