

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Morgan S2862

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State of Tennessee Greene County:

Personally appeared before me Thomas Jones an acting Justice of the peace for said County & State Thomas Morgan resident of said County & State aged Eighty Two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- that he volunteered in Botetourt County Virginia under Captain Robinson & Colonel John Preston the commander of the Regiment for one month this was then about the first of the year 1778; we marched 20 miles down New River to Culvinson's bottom where was the frontier Fort on said River -- the object of said tour was to drive off & guard against the Indians -- he served out the said month & returned home. A few days afterwards he volunteered at the same place to serve three months tour as a Ranger to go from one Fort to another, under Colonel Preston we marched from Parris's Fort on the bank of New River to Cavender's Fort four miles down through said River thence back to Parris's Fort visiting each alternatively during the whole three months, guarding against the Indians -- next he volunteered at the same place where he first entered the service, a few days after the expiration of the last tour, to guard Parris's Fort four months against the Indians -- at the expiration of said of four months he volunteered at the same place where he first entered the service to serve one month, he served out said month at James Allison's Fort about one mile from New River. Colonel Preston had the ordering out of men & superintendence of all the aforesaid forts and the command of the men stationed therein.

In the fall of 1779 this applicant moved from said Botetourt County Virginia to Washington County in the Territory of North Carolina now Greene County in the State of Tennessee -- that in the Summer of 1781 he served first as a spy against the Indians five days, on the next day after the expiration of said five days he was called on by Captain Doherty [George Doherty] to act as a spy again for one month, that he served said time out -- he was then called on by the same Captain to spy another month which he done also he was then called on by the Said Captain to spy fifty-seven days more which he accordingly done that after this spying to wit about the year 1782 he served a tour of one month under Colonel Robinson [sic, probably Lieutenant Colonel Charles Robertson] from said County of Washington against the Cherokees. We marched as far as Buck Creek and was there discharged -- he afterwards spied that the Indians two months and a half months under Major Tedford the whole spying was done in the years 1781 and 1782. This applicant during the first month's tour of spying as aforesaid and killed an Indian near the painted Rock in North Carolina near the French Broad River afterwards in the last year of 1782 or first of 1783 he volunteered in Washington County under Captain Jacob Brown of Washington County Territory of North Carolina in a Regiment commanded by

Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] we marched into Tellies blockhouse on Little River in Cherokee Nation and was there discharged, having served one month during this Tour.

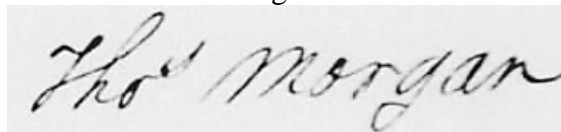
This applicant states that he has no documentary evidence to show that he served as aforesaid in the revolutionary war -- And that he knows of no testimony he can procure but the testimony of Henry Reynolds<sup>1</sup> could prove any part of said Service & which is hereto affixed -- This applicant is about 80 years old -- He has no record kept of his age -- he was born in Bedford County State of Virginia -- that when he was called into the service of the United States he lived in Botetourt County in the said State that he removed from thence to Washington County, Territory of North Carolina now Greene County State of Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He knows of no clergyman who can testify as to his age or the reputation of his service in the revolution.

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

Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ Thomas Jones, JP

S/ Thos. Morgan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos Morgan".

[James Kelly gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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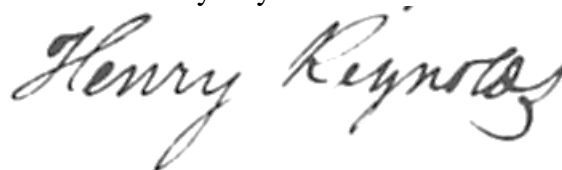
I Henry Reynolds resident of said County and State do hereby swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration as to Services therein mentioned with the exception of the tours upon New River in Botetourt County, Virginia I know to be true, because I was with the said applicant to wit Thomas Morgan during the several times he served as a spy and during the tour of one month under Colonel Robison as in the foregoing declaration for a pension mentioned except the last tour of one month to Tellies Block house under Colonel Sevier, and as to the other tours --

In said declaration mentioned I believe the said applicant Thomas Morgan served them. I certify that I am well acquainted with said Thomas Morgan who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration (having lived within 4 or 5 miles of them about 53 years) that I believe him to be 82 years of age -- that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that I knowing he was, of course concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th of February 1833

S/ Thos Jones, JP

S/ Henry Reynolds

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Reynolds".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$58.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private 4 17 ½ months in the Virginia militia .]

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<sup>1</sup> [Henry Reynolds S4079](#)