

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Morgan S33138
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State of Illinois }
Vermillion County } Ss.

On this Eleventh day of March AD 1835, personally appeared, in open court, before the Court of Probate of Vermillion County State of Illinois, James Morgan a resident of the said county of Vermillion and state of Illinois, aged Eighty Six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832

That in the year AD 1778, & he thinks in the month of August, he was drafted into the service – being drafted militia, under Col. John Evans, Capt. James Brenton, under the command of General [Lachlan] McIntosh – that he was drafted into the service in the county of Monongahela [sic: Monongalia] County & State of Virginia; that deponent then lived in said county and state at that time – that he marched with the troops commanded by the aforesaid officers from Morgan Town [Morgantown in present WV], the county seat of said county to the Ohio River to Montures bottom [sic: Montours Bottom near present Coraopolis PA]., that he crossed the river at that place & marched with the troops aforesaid, to the place where they erected Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River [at present Beaver PA, Sep 1778] – that he assisted the troop to erect said fort McIntosh – that after said Fort was constructed he marched with the troops to the Muskingon [sic: Muskingum] River, to where Fort Laurence was erected [sic: Fort Laurens, begun 10 Nov 1778], that he assisted said troop to erect Fort Laurence – that he continued with the troop at Fort Laurence about a month – that he then marched with said troop back to Fort McIntosh, where he was discharged with the other troop – that in this tour he served three months.

Deponent further says that in the year AD 1779 he entered as a volunteer under Capt Samuel Mason, commanded by Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead], that he went from Morgan Town, Monongahela county Virginia, where he then lived, to Fort Pitt where joined said company, commanded as above stated. That he marched with said troop up the Alegany [Allegheny] River, where they destroyed the Monsea [Munsey] Towns & Corn Planter Town so called that they traveled three hundred miles as was then believed in traveling to said Towns. That he with the troop returned to fort Pitt where he was discharged with the other numbers of the company. That in this campaign of 1779 he served three [“months” missing at end of page] as well as he can now remember.

Deponent further says that in the year AD 1780, he volunteered under the orders of Col. John Evans, as an Indian Spy. That he so volunteered as an Indian Spy, at Morgan Town, Monongahela County Virginia, in the month of March 1780, and served constantly as such Spy traversing the country near the Ohio river, and between the settlements & the Indians, untill the month of August of said year 1780 – that Col. Evans discharged him from this service, in August, deponent believes about the 15 of August 1780. That he served as such spy in said year 1780, for the term of five months.

Deponent further says he knew the aforesaid officers – he also knew Col. Crawford who was burnt by the Indians at Sandusky [William Crawford, 4-6 Jun 1782], he also knew Col. Zadock Springer who lived in Pensylvania.

Deponent has not at this time any documentary evidence he once had written discharges, but they are lost by time & accident and that he knows of no one living who can prove his services, except Zackquil Morgan [pension application W8475], and Evan Morgan [S11098], both of whom live in Monongahela county, Virginia. There may be others, but he does not know. The depositions of said Zackquil Morgan & Evan Morgan are attached herto.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

1 Deponent further says that he was born in Frederick county Virginia the 5 of April 1748.

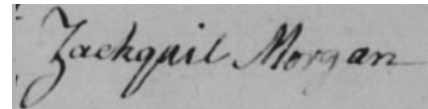
2nd He has a record of his age in a bible which belonged to his Father.

- 3rd He was living in Mongahela county and state of Virginia when he was called into service – that he has lived since the Revolutionary war near Morgan Town, Monongahela county, Virginia, untill the the year AD 1820 and removed to the state of Illinois, & now lives in Vermillion county, state of Illinois.
- 4th The first time he entered the service in the army he was drafted in 1778. In the year 1779 he volunteered – and in 1780 he volunteered.
- 5th I re'd. a discharge from Genl McIntosh, & also from Col. Broadhead, but they are lost by time & accident.
- 6th The names of the officers he has before stated.
- 7th The deponent knows Dr. John C. Alexander and William O. Underwood Esqr William A Jones and Asahel Risley the last of whome is a Clergyman, are acquainted with the deponent, that they live in the present neighbourhood of deponent, and that they can testify as to deponents character for veracity, and their belief of deponents services as a soldier of the Revolution
- The relinquishment of all claim to any except this for a pension is made in a former part of this application.
- James hisXmark Morgan

Virginia Monongalia county (to wit)

This day personally appeared before me David P. Morgan a Justice of peace for said county Zaquill Morgan of Seventy Six years of and after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that James Morgan Eighty five years of age formerly a citizen of the county & state aforesaid now a citizen of the State of Illinois that the said James Morgan Enterd the Service in the year Seventy Eight in the Virginia Militia under the Col. John Evans Capt. James Brenton commanded by General McIntosh he left home in the Summer and returned sumtime in the winter following during that campaign we built fort Lauran and fort McIntosh.

also in the year seventy nine said James Morgan and My Self Entred service as vollunteers with Con'l. Broadhead the campaign was up the Allegheny River where we distroyed the Munsee towns on that River – also in the year of seventeen hundred and Eighty he served as an Indian Spy from Early in the Spring till in the fall in Monongalia County and further he sayeth not Sworn to and Subscribed before me D. P. Morgan a Justice of the peace for M. C this 12th day of December 1834



Virginia Monongalia county (towit)

this day Evan Morgan of Eight one years of age personally appeared before me David P. Morgan a Justice of the peace for said County – and after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that James Morgan of eighty five years of age formerly a citizen of Monongalia county Va. now a citizen of the State of Illinois. he knew the said James Morgan Entred the service in the year Seventy Eight under the command of Col. John Evans commanded by General McIntosh I believe he left home in August and returned in the winter from army[?]. also the said James Morgan and My Self were in the year of seventy nine Vollunteers under Col. Broadhead on an expedition up the Allegheny River where we distroyed the Monsee towns on said River – also in the year Eighty Said James Morgan was Employed as an Indian Spey from Early in the Spring till the fall following.

also the said James Morgan was offentimes Employed in carrying Exspresses in dangeres times of Indians and further the deponant sayeth not

Sworn to and Subcribed before me D. P. Morgan JPMC
this 12th day of December 1834

