

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Morgan S41886

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United States—North Carolina District

William Morgan of Brunswick County in the District aforesaid, on oath declares, in or about the year 1776, he enlisted as a private Soldier in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line, in the war of the Revolution, on the Continental establishment, for three months -- and having served at that time, he enlisted in the same Regiment & service for twelve months; which term he also served, & then enlisted in the same Regiment & service, under Captain Joshua Bowman for & during the said war -- and served the full time against the common enemy of the Country & then obtained from Colonel Archibald Lytle, a Colonel of the said line, a furlough until called for or discharged. This furlough or conditional discharge was all that he obtained as evidence of his regular discharge & is lost as deponent is informed & believes -- he delivered it to a Mr. Thomas Leonard in a very ragged & defaced state, who took a copy of it which is now exhibited, as deponent believes (but he cannot read) & has lost the original. Deponent enlisted first in Brunswick County of aforesaid -- then in Wilmington, North Carolina, for twelve months; and also in Wilmington for during the war. Deponent declares that from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country. Owing to the confidence which the officers had in deponent he was sometimes entrusted with the duties of Sergeant, though he could not write; and for this reason he was sometimes called Sergeant & so was called, he understands, and the furlough or discharge aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ Wm Morgan, X his mark

this fourth day of May 1818

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

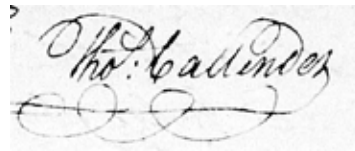
United States -- North Carolina District

Thomas Callender¹ of the Town of Wilmington & district aforesaid, maketh oath that he served in the light Infantry under Captain Joshua Bowman of the first Regiment, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the war of the Revolution, about twelve months. In that time he became acquainted with William Morgan, the above applicant, & knows that he served in the same company he did, until the said Morgan was taken by the British as a prisoner in May 1780 in Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell May 12, 1780]. Deponent was first Lieutenant in said company & knew the said Morgan to be a faithful Soldier, while they served together. That the service in which the said Morgan was then engaged was for during the war, & he verily believes that he the said Morgan served out his time.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ Thos. Callender

¹ [Thomas Callender BLWt482-300](#). There are no papers in Callender's file regarding his services.



this fourth day of May 1818
S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina

Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Wake William Polk, who being duly sworn, deposes that he was well acquainted with Archibald Lytle a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army of the Revolution and with his hand writing, and believes the signature of his name is the furlough of William Morgan dated 26th of May 1783 years in the proper handwriting of the said A. Lytle.

Sworn & subscribed before
me this 25th of Dec. 1818.
S/ Wm Boylan, JP

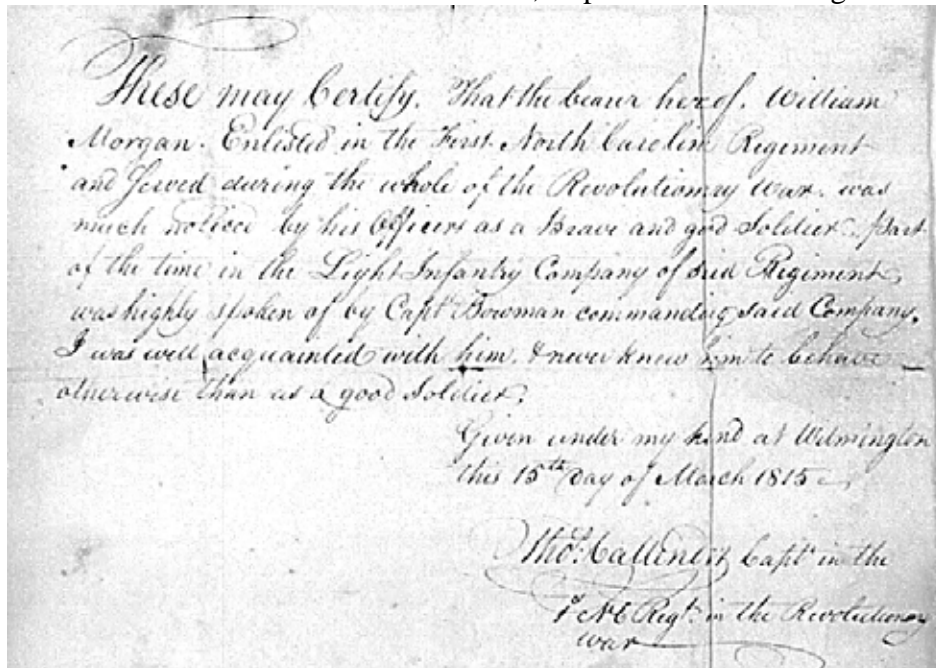
S/ Wm Polk

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These may Certify, That the bearer hereof, William Morgan, Enlisted in the First North Carolina Regiment and served during the whole of the Revolutionary War was much noticed by his Officers as a Brave and good Soldier part of the time in the Light Infantry Company of said Regiment, was highly spoken of by Captain Bowman commanding said Company, I was well acquainted with him & never knew him to behave otherwise than as a good Soldier.

Given under my hand at Wilmington
this 15th day of March 1815

S/ Thos. Callender, Capt. in the 1st NC Regt. in the Revolutionary War



These may Certify, That the bearer hereof, William Morgan, Enlisted in the First North Carolina Regiment and served during the whole of the Revolutionary War, was much noticed by his Officers as a Brave and good Soldier, part of the time in the Light Infantry Company of said Regiment, was highly spoken of by Capt. Bowman commanding said Company, I was well acquainted with him, & never knew him to behave otherwise than as a good Soldier.

Given under my hand at Wilmington
this 15th day of March 1815

Thos. Callender, Capt. in the
1st NC Regt. in the Revolutionary
War

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Agreeable to a resolution of Congress, bearing date the 26th day of May 1783, the bearer hereof William Morgan Sergeant of the first North Carolina Regiment has leave of absence until called upon by proper authority to join his Corps, or is finally discharged.

S/ Arch^d Lytle, L. C.

[also a copy]

State of North Carolina Brunswick County: Personally appeared before me John Conyers, one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Colonel John Gambier Scull, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Lytle & believes the above signature to be the hand writing of said Lytle.

S/ John G. Scull

S/ John Conyers, JP

[copy]

State of North Carolina

Personally appeared before me John Conyers one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Brunswick, Colonel John G. Scull, and being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that during the revolutionary war between these United States and Great Britain, he was well acquainted with William Morgan, now & for many years of the County aforesaid, farmer, and that he has good and sufficient reason to believe and does believe, that the said William Morgan was Sergeant of Captain Bowman's Company in the first North Carolina Regiment in the Continental Army during the revolution, and that he was the only one of that name and that situation or Regiment.

S/ John Conyers, JP

S/ John G. Scull

[copy]

State of North Carolina Brunswick County

Personally appeared before me Jacob W. Leonard one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Brunswick Colonel John Gambier Scull, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that in the revolutionary war between the United States & Great Britain, he was well acquainted with William Morgan now a resident of this County & State aforesaid, that the said Morgan was an active brave soldier in behalf of the United States & served in the first Regiment of North Carolina, & that he was the only man of that name a longing to the first Regiment, and from Captain Joshua Bowman's attachment to him (the Captain under whom said Morgan served) I have reason to believe he was promoted to the appointment of Sergeant.

Sworn to before made this

S/ John G. Scull

2nd February 1811

S/ J. W. Leonard, JP

I do further certify to the best of my knowledge & believe that he served during the whole of the war above set forth.

Witness

S/ John G. Scull

S/ JW Leonard

[copy]

State of North Carolina New Hanover County

I do hereby certify that William Morgan, now & for some years past of Brunswick County, farmer, was Sergeant of Captain Joshua Bowman's Company of the first North Carolina Regiment in the Continental Army during the revolutionary war, and that he was the only one of that name in that situation or Regiment -- that he was active brave and at the battle of Germantown took an Hessian Officer in the British service prisoner who he delivered to me as Major of the said Regiment in the North Carolina line. Given under my hand at Wilmington NC this 4th February A.D. 1811.

To the best of my recollection & belief the above is true
S/ John Walker, then Major of the first Regiment of North Carolina
Continental troops

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United States_North Carolina District

Jacob W Leonard Esq. of Bruswick [Brunswick County] maketh oath that he has in his possession the original Furlough to Wm Morgan of which the foregoing is a true copy & he verily believes the said original to be genuine. Deponent further saith that all the foregoing are true copies from original papers in his possession which were procured by him & his brother for the purpose of obtaining the service right of land due to the said Morgan; and that he verily believes all the said papers to be genuine and made out, with the official acts as they purport. Deponent also saith, that he is well acquainted with the handwriting of Major John Walker a copy of whose certificate appears above, and that the signature thereto is in the proper handwriting of the said Maj Walker- and that he has always understood & doth believe that the said Jn Walker was Major in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, on the continental establishment. Deponent saith the aforesaid original papers are essential to him in obtaining his land in the western county, & are retained for that purpose- that the said Wm Morgan is the same who hath declared for a pension according to the late act of Congress-and that the said Morgan in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support-and that he conveyed to Deponent's Father his said service right of land thirty years ago, or upward.

Sworn to before me at Raleigh, the 12th Dec. 1818.

H Potter DJUSNC

State of North Carolina Brunswick County

On this 28th day of July 1818 before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Morgan aged 68 years resident in the County who being 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 & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war:" That he the said William Morgan enlisted in the town of Brunswick -- in the State of North Carolina -- in the company commanded by Captain Joshua Bowman -- of the first Regiment of the North Carolina line in the year 1776 that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States until the end of the War -- When he was discharged from service in Wilmington in the State of North Carolina. That he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Christian bridge [Battle of Cooch's Bridge over Christiana River, September 3, 1777], White Horse [Battle of Paoli, September 21, 1777] among many others & was on the forlorn hope in storming Stoney Point [July 16, 1779] where he received the wound under which he is now suffering as he has done for many years -- and that he is in reduced Circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except what is herewith since.

Sworn to & declared in open Court

at Smithville the day & year aforesaid

S/ Edward Fitzgerald, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 28th, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]