

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Morgert S4591

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State of Pennsylvania Bedford County: SS

On this twenty sixth day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Alexander Thomson President & his associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas &c in & for said County now sitting Peter Morgert a resident of Colerain Township Bedford County & State aforesaid aged seventy-four years on the 18th day of April last past who having been 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 day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated as follows, That he entered as a volunteer in the fall of 1777 as a private in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Spur [Richard Spurr], Lieutenant George Kilgore Ensign Spencer Wiggington, that he joined said company at Leesburg, Loudoun County Virginia, that said company were joined by a company from said County of Loudoun & marched under the command of Colonel George West & Josiah Clapham [Josias Clapham] who was either a Lieutenant Colonel or Major. That they marched through Frederick town in Maryland thence to Little York & Lancaster thence to Perkioming [Perkiomen?] where they joined the main Army commanded by his Excellency General George Washington, immediately after the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], thence to White Marsh. That after remaining doing duty under the command of the Officers aforesaid for the term which said Companies had volunteered, the said Companies were discharged by Colonel Crawford with the thanks of the commanding Officer in the neighborhood of Brandywine, That he then returned to his residence in Loudoun County aforesaid & afterwards in the month of August or September 1781, He again volunteered in the same company under the same Captain, Lieutenant & Ensign & the same Colonel & marched as a Sergeant in said Company. That they marched from Loudoun County aforesaid to Fredericksburg &c to the combined Army, then at Gloucester Court House, that the day after their arrival there was a skirmish with the Enemy. That he remained with said Army doing duty in said Corps until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], & then assisted in guarding the Prisoners surrendered at Gloucester as far as Noland's ferry. That after his term of service had expired he was with the rest of said company discharged at Noland's ferry. That his said service at both periods exceeded six months as he verily believes as a volunteer as aforesaid.

That said applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Applicant further states that he was born on the 18th of April A.D. 1758 in Sussex County New Jersey that he lived in Loudoun County Virginia from the time he left the service until the year 1782 when he removed [to] Bedford County Pennsylvania where he has resided ever since.

That he never had a written discharge nor did he know of any of the men receiving a

discharge and that he believes each term of his said services was three months.

He has a record of his age as made by his father – which is now in his possession. & That Luke Fetter of Bedford County is acquainted with his services.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Job Mann, Prothy

S/ Peter Morget

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Morget". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[William Yeager, a clergyman, and Luke Fetter gave the standard supporting affidavit: In addition "the said Luke Fetter also further saith that he has been acquainted with the said applicant before he entered the service & he knows that he served as he has stated in his declaration – but he did not know the names of the officers – excepting Colonel West."

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 3 months and as a private for 3 months in the Virginia militia.]