

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Morgan S5782

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State of Virginia Prince Edward County Sct

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the peace of said County, now sitting, William Morgan a resident of Saint Patricks parish in the County of Prince Edward and State of Virginia, aged seventy five 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 June 7th 1832. that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz, in the Summer of 1776 he enlisted and entered as a soldier in the Militia of said State with Capt Robert Hughes and Left [Lt.] Edward Munford, and marched from the County of Cumberland by Richmond to Williamsburg, and on to Little York, that the Company was attached to a Regiment of Regulars commanded by Colol Mazur and Carrington, who were stationed at Williamsburg and at York, that after serving for two months he was discharged at York. That in April 1780 [sic] he joined a troop of Cavalry from the County of Powhatan commanded by Capt Littleberry Mosby, and Lieutenants Horatio Turpin and Wade Moseby [pension application W3856], they marched to Richmond, Williamsburg, Bottoms bridge on Chickahominy and then to Petersburg having been joined by a troop of Cavalry from the County of Dinwiddie. that at Petersburg an engagement took place between the Americans under Baron Stuben and the British, in which our Army were successful [sic: see note below], and the british went to Richmond and on down the river, that he was in the Battle at Petersburg and went from there to the neighbourhood of Richmond, where he was discharged having served a tour of two months.

That in 1777 or 8 he was drafted as a soldier in the Militia of Powhatan County and orderd into service by Colo. Mosby and served two months at Cumberland old Court House in the Capacity of Sergeant of a guard placed over about 200 British prisoners soldiers who had been taken prisoners and were stationed there, that at the expiration of said two months he was discharged by Colo Moseby.

In Feby. 1781 he joined a rifle company in the County of Prince Edward where he then resided and has continued to reside to the present time, command by Capt. Andrew Baker, Lieutenant [Joseph] Parks and Ensign [Joseph] Read. he with the Company marched Southward and joined the Corps under Gen. Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Command, and near Dan river in said State of Virginia he was attached to a Regiment Commaned he thinks by Colo. [Richard] Call, of the regulars, and after being in service about one month he returned to the County of Prince Edward, and was furnished by the Commissary with provisions for the army, and returned to it marching as far south as Ramseys Mill on Deep river in North Carolina, that having rejoined the Army he was marched by Gen. Robert Lawson of the Regulars to Halifax County, where he was discharged having served upon this tour an entire period of two months. he has no written evidence of service or discharge nor can he at this time procure positive proof by witnesses of his service.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Wm. Morgan

State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward Sc:

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1833 William Morgan resident of said County, personally appeared in open court before the justices of the peace of sid County, now sitting, and by way of amendment to his declaration for a pension, made before the court of said County on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, being duly sworn according to law, saith,

1<sup>st</sup> He was born in the County of Cumberland in said state on the 10th day of May 1757.

2nd. He has no record of age, but has always been informed and believes his age as above stated.

3d He has no written discharge from the service, his discharges he believes were verbal, by the

officers under whose command he was, and whom he supposed had the right to discharge him.  
4<sup>th</sup> He is known in his present neighbourhood by Robert Morgan, Jehu Simmons, Rev'd William  
Johns and Jno M Cunningham, whom he supposes can testify as to his character for veracity,  
and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first mentioned. Wm. Morgan

NOTES:

The Battle of Petersburg occurred on 25 Apr 1781. The Americans under Generals Baron  
von Steuben and Peter Muhlenberg were defeated by Generals William Phillips and Benedict  
Arnold, who then raided Richmond.

The folder includes the misfiled application for a transfer of pension by a different Henry  
Morgan, pension application S18985.