

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morgan S7243

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The State of Alabama Fayette County} Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1833 [sic 1832]

On this 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared in Vacation before the Honorable Walter Haskins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County John Morgan a resident of said County aged about Seventy 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 as a substitute for one Richard Bradford who was drafted for the term of six months sometime about the month of July in the year 1779 in Chatham County, North Carolina under the command of Captain Cornelius Robinson who was commanded by Colonel Smith and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and marched from Chatham County to Gilbert town, thence to McDowell's Fort in the Pleasant Gardens on the Catawba River thence to French Broad River where the Army waded the River on a ledge of rocks and from thence to a Cherokee town called Hywasse [sic, Hiwassee] and from thence to the Coweta town thence on the route to Tennessee River where we were attacked by a large body of Indians and had a general engagement a large number of Indians were killed and many wounded from thence we continued our march towards Tennessee River where we burnt seven the Indian towns and killed a considerable number of Indians and then marched back to Coweta town where a part of the Army were stationed and from thence to the Hiwassee [River] thence to the Pleasant Gardens where we encamped until sometime in January thereafter when I received a discharge from Colonel Smith.<sup>1</sup> Also some time about the 1st of June 1781 in Onslow County North Carolina I was drafted to go against Lord Rawdon and marched from Onslow County and joined the Main Army at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina under the command of Captain John Cain who was commanded by Colonel Rhodes where I enlisted under Captain William Vestal who was commanded by Colonel Lee [Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee], Colonel Washington [William Washington] and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and marched from thence to the Eutaw Springs where we had a battle [September 8, 1781] against the British and after the Battle we marched on Cooper River towards Stonough [sic, Stono] and thence on Ashley River thence we marched to near goose Creek Bridge where we encamped until peace was made which was about September 1782, and was discharged about that time, by

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<sup>1</sup> Veteran appears to be describing the 1776 campaign known as the Cherokee Expedition.

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html) I am unaware of any expedition against the Cherokees in 1779, the year the veteran thinks he entered the service and fought the Indians.

a discharge written by some of the above officers but my being unlearned I am [not] able to state which; but all of which discharges are lost or mislaid so that cannot be found. And that I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person living at this time whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service, and from the effects of old age and loss of memory and not being without education I am not able to state with precision the exact length of time which I served but feel satisfied that I served the full length of time as stated above if not more and for such service I claim a pension. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Morgan, M his mark

S/ Walter Haskins, Judge of the County Court of Fayette County Alabama

[Lewellen Moore, a clergyman and William Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in North Carolina and the year that I was born I know not but from the family of counts I am 70 years old some time this year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: I have no record of my age

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: When called into service first I lived in Chatham County and the next time in Onslow County North Carolina after the revolutionary [war] I lived several years in North Carolina then moved to the State of Tennessee, and from Tennessee I moved to Alabama and am now living in Fayette County

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: the first time I was called into service I substituted and in the place of Richard Bradford, the next time I was drafted, and while in service I enlisted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: Major Love [perhaps Lt. Col. David Love of Anson County militia who is known to have been in the 1776 Cherokee Expedition], Colonel Smith, General Rutherford

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: My first discharge I am certain was signed by Colonel Smith the next discharge was signed [by] Colonel Lee or Colonel Washington or General Greene and I know not which, but they are all lost or mislaid.

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that there were two persons of the name of John Morgan enlisted and served in said line; one a private in Captain Donoho's [Thomas Donoho's] company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the 14th of June 1781 for the term of 12 months, left the service 14th of June 1782. The other a private in Captain

Raiford's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted 19th May 1781, left the service 19th April 1782.

Given under my hand this 28th of October 1833  
S/ Wm Hill

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State of Alabama Fayette County: Before me B. W. Wilson an acting Justice of the peace for the said County personally appeared John Morgan who deposeth and saith that he enlisted in the service of the United States sometime in June 1781 under a recruiting officer by the name of William Vestal but was attached to Captain Donoho's [Thomas Donoho's] company and served in said company; and the said Morgan further deposes that the reason he stated in his declaration that he was under the command of Vestal was that he was the person who enlisted him and his being Militia he thought it his duty to give the name of the recruiting officer, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December 1833.

S/ B. W. Wilson, JP

S/ John Morgan, M his mark

State of Alabama Fayette County: On this 12th day of January in the year 1838 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County personally appeared John Morgan who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Donoho -- in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Rhodes -- in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Alabama from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in Tipper [sic, Tippah] County and State of Mississippi where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Alabama to Mississippi: that several of his children had removed their and he was in hopes of obtaining better land to make a support. Sworn and subscribed this 12th day of January 1838 before me.

S/ John Morgan, X his mark

S/ B. W. Wilson, JP

[facts in file: veteran died always 15, 1844; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]