

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Morgan S7246

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State of Virginia County of Mathews: to wit

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Mathews County now sitting, William Morgan a resident of Mathews County and State of Virginia aged sixty-nine 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered under Colonel Peyton, Major Throckmorton, and Captain John Billups he entered in the place of his father before he was sixteen about 1777, about 1778 he entered the service in his own stead and left the service just after the siege of York, he was in one engagement with some barges at Horn Harbor and in the same other barges on Gwyn's Island [Gwynn Island] both places in Kingstone [Kingston] Parish G. County [Gloucester County], his company would have taken the barges if the wind had not blown so fresh from S. W. he lived in Kingstone Parish G. County when he entered the service and has lived there ever since the war until this period, he marched through part of King & Queen County crossed at West Point went to Williamsburg and from there to Jamestown when Arnold [Benedict Arnold] came down James River with his fleet, and he marched down to Gloucester town when Cornwallis came to York, he was under General Nelson, Major Nelson and Captain Armistead of the Continental line at Williamsburg – Colonel Ennis had command on their way down to Gloucester town until General Weedon [George Weedon] came and took command – he has no documentary evidence to prove his service, he can prove his service by Richard Hurst¹ and by John Morgan² after he said John came back from the N. [North?] he was born in Kingstone Parish G. County in the year 1762 his age was set down in the same book with John Morgan's which was burnt, he went as a militia man called out by companies he does not recollect any of the Continental or militia regiments he served with, he was out upwards of 2 years in all during the revolutionary war, he states he was a private.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ William Morgan

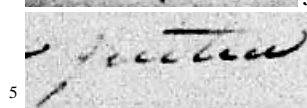
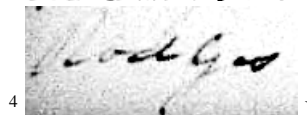
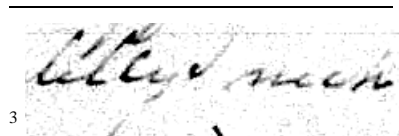
[Humphrey Billups, a clergyman, and George P Owen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ FPA S9593

² [John Morgan S5777](#)

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I William Morgan a pensioner of the United States do in compliance with the Request of the war Department give the following as the correct time I served in the Revolutionary war according to the best of my recollection at present – In the early part of 1777 I entered the service of the United States as a Substitute for my Father under Captain John Billups and went to a place in this County called Cricket Hill where I served three towers [tours] of duty there and at Gwyns Island [Gwynn Island] they were about one month each. In the latter part of that year I became old enough to be enrolled which I was by the same officer during that year and 1778 I served four towers of duty at Cricket Hill and at Gwynn Island and three at a place called Pepper Creek and Point Comfort they would amount to one month each they was not all one length – Some would be a month and some less and some more, in 1779 Captain John Dixon raised a Horse company which [I] joined and after he had got his quantity of man he went about to see if he could obtain horses for them – and finding that he could not obtain Horses for them all part of them was let of [off] I was one of them I served one month in that company, I then returned to my own company again we were then called on to go to Williamsburg on account of the British having gone up James River Expecting that they was of going to make an attack on that place we cross[ed] the ferry at the Brick House in King and Queen [County] and went on to Williamsburg where we were stationed for some time and they making no attack on us we was ordered Back on that tower of duty I served two months – we was again called out in the same year under the same officers and served a tower of duty at a place called lillys neck [?]³ for one month I then left the company and went into a barge commanded by Captain John Rodges [?]⁴ and served a tower of duty for one month. I then [indecipherable word]⁵ the Barge and returned to Captain John Billups' Company again – in 1780 we was again call[ed] out and served a tower of duty at East River and at point comfort for six weeks – in the same year we was call[ed] out to go down on James River on account of the British being there and cross[ed] the ferry at the Brick House in King in Queen and march[ed] on to a tavern called Bird's where we fell in with Colonel Page – and he taking charge of us marched us to Williamsburg where we was stationed for some time and then march[ed] down on the River where we remained until the British came down the River and then we march[ed] to little York came through Williamsburg where we got to little York there we fell in with the rest of the Gloucester militia bound down to Hampton we came on home and they went on down to Hampton on that tower of duty we served 2 ½ months after we had got home there was a draft for some men to go in a barge for one month and my Brother James was one of the men drafted and he being unwell got me to take his place. I done so and served out the draft and then returned to my own company – in 1781 I had three little towers of duty at East River and at point comfort and along the Bay these which I think amounted to about 2 ½ months in the same year I had another tower of duty with all the rest of the militia from this part of the



John Hodges? First letter looks more like an "R" to me. John Rodgers or John Rogers?

County at the time Lord Cornwallis was at little York at the time he surrendered on that tour of duty I served three months we had many little towers of duty for about a week sometimes four and five days the number of the same not recollected and therefore I have said nothing about them we had many little engagements during the aforesaid towers of duty with the British barges the number of them it is impossible for me to tell for sometimes they would pester us so we would have some every day and then again they would not pester us for some time the aforesaid towers of duty is given according to the best of my Recollection at present though I am satisfied that I made a great deal of more than I have stated I am very well satisfied I made more than 2 years time clear of being a Substitute. I think I must have served as much as to and a half months in the day and weeks which I have mentioned above I now hope that the Department will give orders to the pension agent in Richmond to pay me my pension as he had formerly done. I have nothing in writing by which I can refer to my memory relative to my service in the Revolutionary war.

S/ William Morgan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

[attested January 15, 1840 in Mathews County Virginia by John N. Sale, JP]

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Mathews County to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Morgan and Gabriel Hughes⁶ and made oath that they have heard the declaration of William Morgan read, that they have reason to believe the facts set forth therein are true, from their knowledge of his character for veracity, that they served with him in the revolutionary war, that he served in Captain John Billups' Company of the Gloucester militia that they believe he served 2 years and 6 months. Given under my hand and seal this the 13th day of December 1832

S/ Thomas Hudgins, JP

[Facts in file: veteran died May 8, 1840, place not stated; the file contains no family data other than the reference in the application to his brother James Morgan.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia.]

⁶ FPA W19836