

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Haynes Morgan W17157 Mary Morgan f57VA
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State of North Carolina County of Davie } SS

On this 8th day of July 1837 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mary Morgan a resident of said County and State aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Colonel Haynes Morgan of the Virginia State line who became a Lieutenant Colonel in said line sometime in the year 1776 and was made Colonel sometime in the year 1777 and was in service in the said line in Virginia during the year 1777 & 1778 and was at the South with the Virginia troops in 1779 and 1780 and till 1781 and returned in 1781 to Virginia and went to York town at the siege of Cornwallis – that she recollects the following named officers being spoken of by him as being in service with him, to wit, Colonel Andrew Lewis, Generals Washington, Lafayette, Greene, Porterfield – that he resided in Halifax County, Virginia, when he entered the service, and died in Pittsylvania County Virginia in the year 1795, and that this declarant removed to the County of Rowan (now Davie) in the State of North Carolina in the year 1817, where she now resides, that she understood from her said husband that he was in the following named battles, to wit, at the Shallow Ford [October 14, 1780]¹ on the Yadkin River, at Guilford [March 15, 1781], and that the Siege of York town [Cornwallis surrendered October 19, 1781], & that he remained in service until the end of the war that he came home on furlough once or twice to visit this declarant, one of which occasions was immediately before the battle of Guilford – She further declares that she was married to the said Colonel Haynes Morgan on the 29th of October 1774 and that her said husband Haynes Morgan died in Pittsylvania County Virginia in the month of March in the year 1795. She does not now recollect the day, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed (that she is too old and infirm to attend Court. –

Sworn to and subscribed before me a justice of the peace in & for the aforesaid County of Davie

S/ George W Johnson, JP

S/ Mary Morgan, X her mark

[p 8: family register:

¹ Col. Haynes is unlikely to have been in this engagement as the Whigs there were commanded by Major Joseph Cloyd of Virginia. http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_shallow_ford.html

Haynes Morgan was married to Mary Thompson 29th of October 1774
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Haynes, the son of Haynes and Mary his wife was born 27th of June 1778
Mary Thompson daughter of Haynes & Mary his wife was born in Halifax County Court Day in
1781 -
Elisabeth Laurence Daughter of Haynes & Mary his wife was born 17th December 1787]

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[p 4: supporting affidavit given by Mrs. Susannah Terry at the house of Robert Wooding in Halifax County Virginia September 6, 1837 in which she states she is the sister of Mrs. Haynes Morgan; that she, the affiant, was married before her sister; that her sister was married at her father's house but she, the affiant, was indisposed on that day and was not present at the marriage

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This day Hampton White² personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Person in the State of North Carolina who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was a Continental soldier in the war of the Revolution, and served some 2 or 3 years in the southern Army under Colo. Litle Malbedd [?]³ &c that he well remembers that Colonel Haynes Morgan of Virginia commanded a Regiment of Virginia Infantry in South Carolina in the year 1779 and 1780. That this deponent saw him commanding as Colonel and stationed near his Regiment at various times and places in the said State of South Carolina within the year 1779 & 80 when the said Morgan left the Army or where he went from South Carolina he does not certainly know, he was in service when he last saw him and believes he returned to Virginia early in the year 1780.

Given under my hand this 18th day of October 1833
S John Holloway, JP

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Virginia Pittsylvania County to wit: This day Jesse Gwinn⁴ personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was a soldier in the war of the revolution, that in the year 1776 he was at Gwinn's Island [July 8-10, 1776] when Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last royal governor of the Colony of Virginia) was driven from that place, that Colonel Haynes Morgan of Pittsylvania County held the rank of colonel and commanded as such at that time. Given under my hand this 26 day of October 1833

S/ J. M. Williams, Junior, JP

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Pittsylvania County to wit

This day Robert Ferguson⁵ a Revolutionary Soldier personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in the County aforesaid and made oath, that he was well acquainted with Colonel Haynes Morgan that he never was with said Morgan in service. But believes that he held the command of a Regiment and was stationed in the northern part of Virginia for its defense, during the war of the Revolution. Given under my hand this 26 day of October 1833

S/ J. M. Williams, Junior, JP

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This day David Irby⁶ personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for the

² [Hampton White S38467](#)

³ In his own application for a pension made in 1820 at age 70, White states he served under Col. Archibald Lytle who was an officer in the NC Continental Line. I suspect this is the officer to whom White intended to refer along with Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne].

⁴ [Jesse Gwin S8645](#)

⁵ [Robert Ferguson W7262](#)

⁶ [David Irby S5602](#)

County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he was a soldier in the War of the Revolution that he was well acquainted with the late Colonel Haynes Morgan of Pittsylvania County and well remembers that he was a Colonel in the said war of the Revolution, that he commanded a Regiment of Infantry at Gwinn's Island in Virginia in the summer of 1776 when Governor Dunmore was driven from that place, this deponent then marched under the said Colonel Haynes Morgan to the Islands of Holston in Western Virginia was under the command of the said Morgan until November 1776 he was then discharged and left the said Haynes Morgan in service as a Colonel at Fort Henry on the Holston River. This deponent further says that he was at the Battle of Guilford North Carolina in March 1781 that Colonel Morgan commanded as Colonel in that engagement, and he believes the said Morgan was in service to the end of the said war. Given under my hand this 11th day of October 1833.

S/ Wm . Pannill, JP

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia John Arrington⁷ of said County who being duly sworn according to law depose and saith, that in the summer of the year 1781 he enlisted as a private soldier in the Army of Revolution and was attached to the Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Hanes Morgan he was with him at Yorktown in the State of Virginia when Lord Cornwallis surrendered himself [October 19, 1781] and his Army to General Washington in the month of October 1781 that he acted and held the rank of colonel and commanded the Continental troops of Virginia how long I cannot say, he was in service when I enlisted and I believe he continued in service to the end of the war. I saw him in service just before the war ended. Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1833.

S/Samuel Pointer, JP

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 28th day of October 1784, in the name of Haynes Morgan, as a Colonel of Infantry for £173.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to ___ and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
20th day of June 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Facts in file: the widow was the daughter of William Thompson Senior, of Halifax, Virginia; the widow died May 16, 1840.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Colonel in the Virginia State line.]

⁷ [John Arrington W5653](#)

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 35-page file

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Dr.	The Commonwealth of Virginia	
1777	In Acct. [account] with Laurence Smith Jr.	Ct
Dec. 31	To Col. Haynes Morgan pay Rolll	£22.10.0
1778		
Jany 31	To Col. Haynes Morgan Do	22.10.0
Feby 20	to Colo. Haynes Morgan Do pd [paid] [illegible] Jamison	22.10.0

The above entries are truly extracted from
Laurence Smith's Pay Roll on file in
this Office

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office
Richmond this 20th day of June 1837
S/ Jas Heath [Auditor]

[pp 2-3: Williamsburg April 3, 1777- December 20th 1777 miscellaneous drafts for fabric and sewing items charged to Colo. Haynes Morgan in which are mentioned Lieut. Laurence House and Capt. Henry Garnett]

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Journal of the Committee of Safety

1776 Wednesday the 15th May 1776
Warrant to Robt. Williams Esqr. per order [of] Lt. Colo.
Haynes Morgan for £422.15.0 for One months
pay of 3 Comps [companies] from Pittsylvavnia to No. Carolina
also £4.8.6 for express hire

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18th March 1777

Lt. Boswell

To Sundries per Ord: Colo. Morgan for 16 Recruits	
6 yds [yards] Cloth @ 20/ 6 Do Drilling @ 4/6	7.7.0
4 pr [pair] Hose 5/9 9 Yards Linnon 5/9	3.11.9
2 pr Shoes @ 7/6 ¼ lb. Thread @ 7/6	16.10 ¼
3 [?] white Thread @ 5d	<u>1.3</u>
	£11.19.10 ¼

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[Note: entries dated 4th April 1777, 12th July 1777 and 16th August 1777 for items similar to the above. Col. Morgan is named in each entry as having made the order for the same. Capt. William Smith is named in the entry for 12th July 1777]

[pp 7-8: continues the same type of entries as above for requisitions ordered by Col. Morgan on 19th August 1777, 18th September 1777, 11th October 1777, 26th November 1777, 15th December

1777, 5th January 1778, 30th September 1778 [in which reference is made to a W. Terrell and William Armistead].

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Richmond 30th September 180

Sundry Officers of the Virginia Line

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September 15th 1780 [shows Morgan as receiving 3 hats, 3 stockings, 3 breeches, 1 pair of shoe, 3 blankets and 3 Rum [?].]

For Colo. Morgan's appointment See Journal of the House of Delegates 5th June 1777
pages 60 [blotted out text]

[pp 15-16: Is the original of the affidavit of Hampton White transcribed above.]

[pp 17-18: Is the original of the affidavit of John Arrington transcribed above.]

[pp 19-20: Is the original of the affidavit of David Irby transcribed above.]

[pp 21-23: The quality of the image of the following is extremely poor—use the following transcription with more than the usual caution.]

To his Excellency David Campbell Governor of Virginia, The petition of the undersigned would hereby represent unto your Excellency that their ancestor Haynes Morgan was an officer in the Virginia state line during the revolutionary war of the grade of a Colonel, and your petitioner's are sure that he acted in that capacity until the battle of Guilford in North Carolina although on that occasion he took a Major's Command from the following cause – Shortly before that engagement the said Morgan obtained leave of his Commanding Officer, Greene [Nathanael Greene], to visit his family then much indisposed but before the time allowed him to leave [?] had expired he was informed that an engagement was daily expected with the British & Tories and in order that he might resume his command he immediately set off from home and arrived at headquarters late in the evening of the day previous to the battle – His General not expecting him had appointed another officer to the command of the Regiment and the said Morgan took a Major's Command and acted as such throughout the day. After that he again took the command as Colonel and continued in it until the surrender of the British at Yorktown. From the fact that shortly after the war the house of the said Morgan was burned, together with all his papers, they have no documentary evidence of his service and cannot say what Regiment he commanded, nor when he entered the service, He resided in Halifax County Virginia when he entered the service and they believe and [several indecipherable words] that the said Morgan served in some Capacity or other during the whole of the revolutionary War, at least until after the battle of Guilford, as your petitioners Mary his widow now well remember. Your petitioner's cannot state the precise length of his Service as a Colonel: but [indcipherable word] satisfied that it was for 3 – or perhaps 5 – years; and they are sure that he never quit the service of the United States, except by permission, until the Virtual termination of the War, having [indcipherable word] the same at a very early period. Your Petitioner's Mary Morgan, Widow of the said Colonel Haynes Morgan and Henry R Shelton and Elizabeth his wife, formerly Elizabeth L Morgan reside in

Rowan County North Carolina, and, your petitioners Joseph Thomas and Mary T his wife, John B Morgan, William B Morgan, Vincent S Morgan, Susannah C Morgan, John Thomas and Elizabeth his Wife and Haynes L Morgan reside in the County of Smyth Virginia; your petitioners claiming under the said Colonel Haynes Morgan as his heirs-at-law consider themselves entitled under [indecipherable word] laws to the bounty land, to which the said Colonel Morgan would have been entitled, where he still living, from the State of Virginia – The prayer of your petitioners therefore is that your Excellency will cause their claim to be examined [indecipherable words] allowed, and direct a Warrant to issue to them for the said bounty land and as in duty bound they will ever Pray &c

S/ Joseph Thomas Guardian
for John B Morgan
S/ William B Morgan
S/ Vincent S Morgan
and Suzannah C Morgan

S/ Mary Morgan, X her mark
S/ Henry B Shelton
S/ Elizabeth L Shelton
S/ Joseph Thomas
S/ Mary T Thomas his wife
S/ John Thomas
S/ Elizabeth S. Thomas his wife
S/ Haynes L. Morgan

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for John B Morgan
William B Morgan
Vincent S Morgan
and Suzannah C Morgan*

*Mary Morgan
Mary mark
Henry B Shelton
Elizabeth L Shelton
Joseph Thomas
Mary T Thomas his wife
John Thomas & wife
Elizabeth S Thomas his
Haynes L Morgan*

[pp 25-28: the brief prepared by John H. Smith Commissioner, outlining the evidence in support of the petition. His brief is addressed to the Governor and is dated April 22, 1834. In it Smith summarizes the contents of the documents in the file.]