

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morgan W18528

Ruth Morgan

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that John Morgan a private Soldier in Captain White's [Thomas White's] Company of the 6th Regiment, entered the service on the 26th day of April 1776 for the term of 3 years and that he was discharged on the 10th day of May 1779.

Given unto my hand this 5th day of August 1844

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Nash County }

On this the Ninth day of August 1844 personally appeared before me Evan H. Morgan one of the acting Justices in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Ruth Morgan and maketh the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836

and after being duly Sworn according to Law doth declare on her oath that she is the widow of the late John Morgan deceased who Enlisted in the Revolutionary Army of the Continental line of North Carolina about the commencement of the War as will more fully appear by a certificate which she has procured from the secretary of State of North Carolina which she submits as proof in part of her said husband John Morgan's services and that she further declares that her said deceased husband John Morgan served under one Captain White [Thomas White] as she has always heard him say and she further declares that her husband John Morgan who she now represents died on the 15th day of May 1837 and that he was aged eighty-eight years when he died and that she herself is ninety-four years old and that her maiden name was Ruth Stallings and that she was married to her husband John Morgan in the year 1771 and she further declares that she was a resident of the County of Nash and State aforesaid when she and her husband John Morgan was married and they have resided ever since in the County and State aforesaid and she further declares that her deceased husband John Morgan was a while before he died preparing his proof of his services but died before he could make his proof and that she herself did not know until lately that there was any provision made by the acts of Congress for widows of deceased soldiers if she had known such facts existed she should have made application before now and she further declares that she relinquishes all claims for a pension whatever except this Claim.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ Ruth Morgan, X her mark

Witness

S/ Evan H. Morgan, JP

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State of North Carolina Nash County }

Personally appeared before me Evan H. Morgan one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mr Henry Morgan a resident of the County of Nash and State aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law depose & saith that he was well acquainted with John Morgan the husband of Ruth Morgan who makes this application for a pension and this part of the family Record posted on the lid of this book is a correct Record of the three Eldest Children, it having been copied from the original by himself in the year 1806 or 7 and he further states that there are three other children and heirs of the said Ruth Morgan that has not the ages of namely Jas Morgan [James Morgan], Ana Morgan [Anna Morgan] who married Bennett Smith, Susanah Morgan [Susannah Morgan] who married Irvin Finch and he further saith that the old original Record is in the possession of his brother William Morgan who refuses to let the Record be taken of the Book Sworn and subscribed to before me

S/ Henry Morgan

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

Witness

S/ Evan H. Morgan, JP

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State of North Carolina Nash County }

On this the 12th day of August 1844 personally appeared in open court Britain Vick and after being duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he was raised a near neighbor to John Morgan the husband of Ruth Morgan who makes this Application for a pension and that they the said John Morgan and Ruth Morgan lived together as husband and wife and it was always so understood and that he never heard it doubted.

And he further saith that he has often heard the said John Morgan and his father (Robert Vick) speak of being in the Revolutionary War and that he has heard the said John Morgan speak of being in some place where the Enemy throwed shells among them which place he cannot now recollect and he also states that he has often heard him speak of the hardships and troubles that they underwent while they were in the service of their Country and he further states that he is forty-six years old.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and date above written before me.

S/ Francis M. Taylor, CCC

S/ Britain Vick, X his mark

[pp 9-10 family record]

[illegible entry appearing to end in "1770"]

William Morgan Son of John Morgan and Ruth His Wife Was Born the 26 Day September in

1772

Mary [?] Morgan Daughter of John Morgan and Ruth his wife was born the 4 Day of January
1774

THE
William Morgan Son of
John Morgan And Ruth his
wife was born The 26 Day
of September In 1772
Mary Morgan Daughter of
John Morgan And Ruth his
wife was born the 4 Day of Jan
1774

[p 11: On Jan. 27, 1845, in Nash County, North Carolina, William B. Morgan, 45, testifies that the family record contains the record of the 2 oldest children of John and Ruth Morgan; that he has been in possession of the record for the last 24 years and that he has always understood the record was in the hand writing of his uncle Henry Morgan.

W. B. Morgan

[p 13: a different family record]

William Morgan son of John Morgan and Ruth his wife was born the 26th Day of September in
1772

Nancy Morgan Daughter of John Morgan and Ruth his wife was born the 4th day of June in 1774
John Morgan son of John Morgan and Ruth his wife was born the 25 Day of January in 1777

Willi Morgan son of John
Morgan and Ruth his wife
was born the 26 Day of
September in 1742
Mary Morgan Daughter
of John Morgan and Ruth his
wife was born the 1st Day
of June . . . in 1744
John Morgan son of John Morgan
and Ruth his wife was born
the 26 Day of January in 1744

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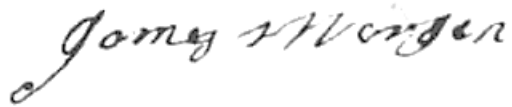
State of North Carolina Nash County

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for the County of Nash Mr James Morgan and after being duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he is fifty-seven years old and that he is the eighth child of his Father and Mother John Morgan and Ruth Morgan and the Reason that his said Father never made application for a pension was that he was a man of no education and knew very little about business and that he was old and infirm and went about but very little although he applied to several neighbors to assist him in making out his papers and proof that they informed him that they did not know how to make them nor what proof was required so the matter rested until about a year or so before he died when a man called on him whose name he cannot recollect but the man lived either in Franklin or Warren County and offered to get his money for one half of what he would make which his Father refused to give and some months after that the old man died and that his Mother did not know until sometime last year that she was entitled to receive anything after the death of her husband and when she was informed that she was entitled to a pension she then got assistance and made application for the same and further affiant saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of January 1845

S/ A. B. Baines, JP

S/ James Morgan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Morgan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Morgan".

[p 25: Richard Harp, about 50 years of age, a resident of Nash County, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he often heard John Morgan and his father, Joseph Harp, discussing their revolutionary war services, he also recalls a man whose name he cannot recollect offering to help John Morgan make his claim for one half of the amount received as a pension.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]