

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morgan¹ W25725

Sarah Morgan

f33VA

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State of Virginia County of Mecklenburg Sct.

On this 17 day of May 1833 personally appeared John Morgan before me David T Hicks a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid aged seventy-two to 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 in manner and form following.

That he was born and raised in the County of Mecklenburg where he has ever resided to the present day saving the time he was in the Army. That he entered the service of the State of Virginia as a private and was detailed to March under the command of Colonel Robert Munford in the company of Captain William Snead and marched to Guilford Court House where a battle was fought [March 15, 1781] by General Green [Nathanael Greene] with the enemy and after the battle he with the Army pursued the enemy to Deep River he thinks and from thence was marched to Hillsboro where he was discharged in the month of August as well as he can recollect after serving about five months.

The second Tour he was drafted or detailed and marched as a private from the said County of Mecklenburg under the command of Colonel Lewis Burwell and Major Henry Walker in the company of Captain Thompson Fowlkes to the County of Gloucester where he was transferred to Captain Stephen Mabry's Company of Grenadiers and marched to Williamsburg where he remained in the said service until the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and the close of the war making from three to four months service in the last Tour and in all eight or nine months to the best of his knowledge and belief. He obtained discharges but does not remember from whom and he being illiterate had lost or mislaid them. He has no record of his age but believes that he is of the age above stated, and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove the foregoing service except Bartlett Cox and Joseph Butler Senior. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever [to a pension] or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension list of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. T. Hicks, JP

S/ John Morgan, X his mark

[Joseph Butler Senior & James Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Mecklenburg County to wit:

This day Joseph Butler Senior personally appeared before me Daniel T Hicks a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that the within named John Morgan did entered the service of the State of Virginia as stated in the foregoing Declaration and marched in

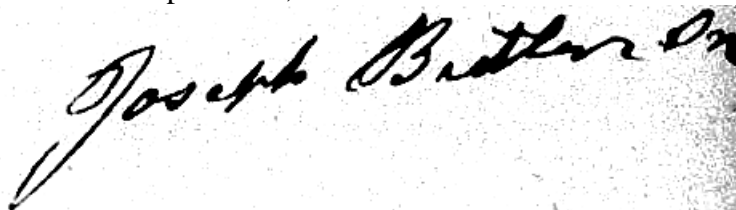
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company with this affiant to Gloucester and served as stated until the close of the War & then returned home in Company with this affiant after serving the said last mentioned Tour from three to four months to the best of his knowledge.

Given under my hand this 27 day of May 1833

S/ D. T. Hicks

S/ Joseph Butler, Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Butler Sr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 12: On August 15, 1853 in Mecklenburg County Virginia, Sarah Morgan, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Morgan a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum; that she married him in April 1803; that they were married by William Creath a minister of the gospel; that her husband died on or about June 10, 1833. She signed her application with her mark. On the same day she appeared and made further declaration exhibiting the marriage bond showing her marriage to her husband in April 1803; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Chamblin [sic, Sarah Chamblain? or Chamberlain?.]

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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 Continental Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462.) that a settlement was made on the 14th day of November 1783 in the name of John Morgan as Sergeant Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £11.2.5, delivered to Mr. Pendleton but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
22 day of February 1856.

S/ G. W. Clutter

Auditor Public Accounts

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[Note: The above document clearly does not relate to this veteran since he did not claim to have served in the Continental Army nor did he claim to be a Sergeant.]

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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 Continental Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462.) that a settlement was made on the 30th day of April 1787 in the name of John Morgan as Soldier Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £15.12, delivered to Wm Reynolds but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office,

the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
22nd day of January 1856.

S/ G. W. Clutter

Auditor Public Accounts

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[Note: Again, this document does not relate to the veteran named above since he did not claim to have served in the Continental Army.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]