

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Morgan W3709

Susan Morgan

NC VA

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State of Illinois }

White County }

On this fourth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Hon. William Wilson Judge of the White Circuit Court being a court of record now sitting Henry Morgan a resident of said County of White & State of Illinois aged 73 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 in the militia under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Colonel John Collier Lt Col. Thomas Dugen [sic: Thomas Dougan] Major Anthony Sharpe, Capt. Robert McLane, Lieutenant William York. That he resided in Guilford Co North Carolina and was drafted for five months & mustered into service on the 24th of March 1779. That he marched from Guilford Co. to Charleston in South Carolina that on his way to Charleston he met with a regiment of Tories at Kings Creek about 600 as was then supposed, that they were attacked and defeated that a few prisoners were taken and 3 or 4 killed. That he remained at Charleston until the 24th of August when he was discharged & returned home, his discharge was signed by Captain Robert McLane.

That under Col. William Campbell Major John Bryson Capt. Flower Swift [Flour Swift] Lieutenant Alexander Bryson he entered the militia as a volunteer in August 1780. that he then resided in Montgomery County Virginia and marched from there to the Yadkin river near the Shallow ford where there was a battle with the tories [14 Oct 1780]. that 6 or 7 of them were killed and a number taken prisoners that he was discharged verbally to wait for the orders in one month & returned home

That under the same Col. Major Alexander and Captain McAdo [McAdoo] he entered the service as a volunteer on or about the first of February 1781. & marched to join Gen [Nathanael] Greene then below Guilford Court house. That when the regiment arrived at Whitesills mills on the Reder fork, it was attacked by the enemy and defeated [sic: Skirmish at Wetzel's Mill NC on Reedy Fork, 6 Mar 1781] and our Colonel killed that our regiment was totally dispersed at the time. [See endnote] That he then went to Randolph County and joined Captain Robert McLane volunteer company light horse. that he then volunteered for the whole war. That Col Paelfy [probably John Peasley of Guilford County] was commander of the regiment but not out in service. Major John Nalls [sic: John Nall] was in command. That he was then engaged in dispersing the tories wherever collected. that he was in three battles. one in July 1781 at the mouth of Sandy creek [possibly the Sandy Creek in Randolph County NC] in which we won & Lieutenant William York of our company wounded and three men David Brower, David McMaster & Joel Benje were killed, & in August after or September we had another battle at Linleys mill [sic: Lindley's Mill on Cane Creek in Alamance County NC, 13 Sep 1781] in which the tories were defeated, Major John Nalls was killed here & four or five others That after the battle at Linleys mill he was went down towards Wilmington taking what tories could be found. That he was there engaged in riding through the counties of Randolph, Chatham, Moore Anson and a County on the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River] name not recollected. That he continued in this service until the following Spring in April when the Captain with whom he had volunteered for the war placed him in the State troops under Major Joel Lewis Captain Tubb Lieutenenat Christmas. and that he continued in the same duty until the next October when he received from Captain R. McLane a discharge stating the time he had served &c. That he has no documentary evidence & knows no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service.

That he was born in Rowan or Guilford County in North Carolina on the 7 of December 1758, has no record of his age. Living when first called into service in Guilford Co N.C. when he continued service after that in Montgomery Co. Va. That he resided there 16 years after his discharge, then removed to Granger [sic: Grainger] County Ten. resided there 11 years. then to Warren Co. Kentucky resided

there 4 years, then to Logan County same state resided 5 years & then he removed to this county where he has since resided. That his discharges were burnt about one year after the close of the War while he resided in Virginia. That there were no regular officers with him except while at Charleston & has no recollection of the names of any or of the regiments stationed there That F. B. Brockett & Peter Miller jun are persons in his present neighbourhood to whom he is known & can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Henry hisXmark Morgan

State of Illinois }
White County ss } [22 May 1833]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of White aforesaid Henry Morgan who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentions below, and in the following grades. In the year 1779 for five months I served as a private. In 1780 for one month I served as a private. In 1781 & 1782 for one year six months I served as a private: and for such service I claim a pension.

Henry hisXmark Morgan

NOTES:

Morgan's account of the skirmish at Wetzel's Mill differs from most accounts, which state that it was the Americans who ambushed the British, attempting to impede the advance of Cornwallis's army. Although the Americans were unsuccessful against the much larger force, their retreat was orderly. Neither William Campbell nor any other colonel was killed there.

On 3 Oct 1857 Susan Morgan, about 86, applied for a pension stating that she married Henry Morgan in Montgomery County VA in 1785, and he died 22 Feb 1849. Susan Morgan, 54, certified that a strip of paper was taken from a family record kept by herself and others for 35 years, on which was written, "Henry Morgan and Susanna Poe, were married in September 1785 in Montgomery County VA." The file contains a petition for the granting a her pension with dozens of signatures stating that she raised a large family of children. She was granted a pension on 7 May 1853. On the pension certificate is a note that she died on 25 Oct 1862.