

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Benjamin Morgan W3854

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State of Virginia } SS.

Monroe County }

On this 19th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of said County Benjamin Morgan a resident in said County & State aged 71 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; that he was born in the County of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania in the year 1761 and moved to the County of Berkeley in Virginia when a boy; that in the year 1778 or 1779 he does not recollect which [1778], in the summer of said year, he was drafted from the said County of Berkeley in Virginia for the term of three months, under David Kenedy who was Captain in the pack horse service to Fort McIntosh on the Ohio river; Col Murry [Murray?] commanded at the Fort, and the General who commanded there was McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh, spring 1778 - Feb 1779], that during the three months he was in the service except about three weeks of the latter part of the time, he was at Fort Lawrence about 70 miles farther out than fort McIntosh and was employed during that time in completing fort Lawrence on Tuscarora River [sic: Tuscarawas River in OH] He was discharged at Fort McIntosh; his discharge was signed by Captain John Lyle, which he has lost many years passed. There were some regular Officers in this service but he does not recollect their names except Lieutenant Parks, who was killed by the Indians between the two Forts [James Parks, killed 6 Nov 1778]; he saw him lying on the path after he was killed. After he was discharged he started homewards, but stopped in the red stone settlement, and did not get home until the spring of the year. In the year 1781 about the 1st of May he Volunteered for a tour of three months from the County of Berkeley under Captain Edward Davis, that he was marched from s'd. County by Fauquier Court House, Rappahannock river Fredericksburg and Pamunkey [sic: Pamunkey] creek on to Williamsburg and from there about forty miles further where he joined the Battalion; and the troops were marched towards North Carolina under Col Dark [sic: William Darke] and Gen. Lincoln [see note below], but before they got to North Carolina, they were turned back through the lower part of Virginia into Williamsburg and York, where he was Discharged by Captain Davis, having served the said tour of three weeks as aforesaid.

He was in no battle during this service. Not far from York Town he was pursued by the enemies Light horse who were out on a scouting party and in attempting to cross a post and rail fence was wounded by one of the horsemen who cut him with his sword about three inches on the shoulder, the scar of which is yet to be seen. He cannot recollect the names of any of the regular officers nor his Majors name other than above stated.

That shortly after returning home he was drafted in the same year 1781 for three months in the s'd. County of Berkley Va. under Capt. John Hart and was marched to York in Virginia twelve miles below Williamsburg where he was commanded by Col Dark; his major not recollected; he was at York during the seige [28 Sep - 19 Oct] and was present when Cornwallis was taken; that some of the prisoners were sent up the Country he believes to Charlottesville in Va. and some to Frederick Town in Maryland; that he was one of the guard with them who were sent to Fredericktown, and went as far as the Potomac River, where he was discharged, having served the aforesaid term of three months, which discharge he has lost many years since. Since the war he for some time resided in the County of Berkley Va. and since in the county of Monroe, where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state.

[signed] Benj Morgan

NOTES:

The only known Gen. Lincoln was Benjamin Lincoln, who had been captured at Charleston on 12 May 1780 and remained inactive thereafter.

On 18 Jul 1842 Ann Morgan applied for a pension stating that she married Benjamin

Morgan in Hagerstown MD on 18 Jul 1784, and he died 24 Feb 1836. Another document indicates that her maiden name was Ann Ellis. With her application is a family record transcribed as follows:

Benjamin Morgan was born Dec 25th 1760.

Ann his wife born January 14th 1766

We were married 1783.

John Morgan born Nov. 11th 1784

Phebe Morgan born Aug[?] 26th. 1786.

Moses Morgan born Aug. 16th 1788.

Aaron Morgan born Au't 26 1790.

Jesse Morgan born Oct 20 1792

Eliz. Morgan born Dec. 15 1798.

Nancy Morgan born June 15 1801.

Eleanor Morgan born June 9 1804.

Benj'a. Morgan born Dec 29 1805.

Jas. R. Morgan born March 21st 1809.

Hannah Morgan born April 16 1811.

Benjamin Morgan Sr. departed this life February 24th. 1836. Aged 74 years & 2 months.