

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Reece Morgan W4297

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State of Virginia } SS:

on this 3th Day of August 1839 personally appeared before me John M Holland one of the commonwealth Justices of the peace Mary Morgan a resident of Franklin county And State of virginia aged Eighty three 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 maid by the act of Congress Passed July the fourth Eighteen hundred And thirty Six that She is the widow of Reace Morgan, who was a private in the militia in the revolutionary war and part of his time served as a corporal so Represented to Be By him and his neighbors At that time, it is further said that he was in the servis of his country during the greater parte of the ware Before and after it was maried and it is Said that he served Seven towers which she Believes to be true the particular dates of the Differrent Towers and names of the officers under whom he served She cannot Recolect it is stated By him and his neighbours that he was in the Battle of gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] it was Stated and Believed by his staying so long after the Battle that he was killed She further declares that she was maried to the said Rease Morgan on the ___th Day of July 1777 that her husband the afore Said Rease Morgan died on the ___th day of Februy 1817 in Bedford County Virginia and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by Rifferance to the proof here to anext

Mary herXmark Morgan

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written. Before me John M Holland JP
this is to certify that Mary Morgan is very infirm and cannot Be carried to Court with Safety this
3th Day of August 1839 John M Holland JP

Bedford County State of Virginia To witt

This day [23 Jul 1839] personally appeared before me Matthew Pate a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid John Buford [pension application W5967] of Lawfull age and made oath in due form of Law, that he was well acquainted with Reece Morgan of the County of Bedford Va that he first formed his acquaintance with said Morgan in the year 1776. That said Reese Morgan was in that year a corporal in Captain James Bufords Company who marched to the Cherokee Towns on Tennessee River That this deponant was in the service of his Country at the same time in the same town with said Morgan. Jacob Early was the first Lieutennant, & William Rentfro [William Renfro] second Lieutennate, John Fields Ensign, James Treynor [or Trainer] orderly Sergant, under the Command of Colo. Charles Lewis of Albemarle. That this affiant[?] having swapt towers with a man by the name of Stewart at portsmouth in aug't 1776 that he came on to Bedford & joined said Bufords Company on the 12th of September & marched on with them to the Cherokee Towns aforesaid that said Morgan was attached to the Company aforesaid at the time it was joined by this deponant, but how long said Morgan had been in service before this deponant joined the Company is not known That said Buford had marched the same company to Williamsburg but was ordered to march back & join the forces under General Christy [William Christian] who was the Commander in Chief in that expedition against the Cherokees. That this deponant thinks that Bufords Company was discharged probably at the Long Islands of Holston [now Kingsport TN] about the last of november or first of December. This deponant on acct of Sickness left the army some time before they were discharged at the Cherokee Towns on Tennessee River. This deponant thinks the Company aforesaid was detailed for a six months tour as they had marched to Williamsburg, & probably staid there some time but how long, this Deponant is unable to say he being at the same time in the Service at portsmouth where he remained untill the 10th of Aug't. 1776 when the swap of Tours took place between himself & said Stewart. & further this deponant saith not.

John hisXmark Buford

Franklin County, State of Virginia To Wit

this day [13 Jul 1839] personally appeared before me John M. Holland, a Justice of the peace, for

the County aforesaid, Joseph Hundley [Joseph Hundly, pension application S5581], of Lawful age, and made oath in due form of Law, that he was well acquainted with Reece Morgan of the County of Bedford va. In the revolutionary war and in the year of 1774 he the said deponent, was upon his march against the Shawnee Indians, and passed by Fort Arbucell [sic: Fort Arbuckle], on Muddy Creek in Greenbrier County Va. and there he states that he saw Reece Morgan under the command of Capt William Leftwich of Bedford County Va. guarding the frontier and that after he had gone on, and fought the Shawnee Indians [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774], on his return back by the said Fort he still found the said Reece Morgan there and believes that he was there all the time he was gone (To wit) about five and a half months, and he the said Morgan, then and there was discharged and came home to Bedford County Va. together with said deponent. the said deponent further deposeth and saith that in 1780 the said Reece Morgan marched from Bedford County Va under the command of Capt Thos. Leftwich to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] North Carolina to the place of Rendezvous, and then they marched together to Camden [SC] and was in that Battle when General [Horatio] Gates was defeated [16 Aug 1780] under General Stephens [sic: Edwards Stevens], and then returned back to Hillsboro, and was discharged in the month of October Haveing served a tower of three months to the best of my recollection - and in 1781 he the said deponent also saith that he was still in the service of his country and that he saw the said Reece Morgan at Judes Ferry on James River [17 miles] above the City of Richmond under the command of Capt Henry Blewford [sic: Henry Buford], marching to James Town against the British, and does not know, but believes he served a three months militia tour. and further saith not.

Joseph hisXmark Hundley

State of virginia Franklin County to wit

this day Luke Bird of lawful age came before me John M Holland one of the Commonwealth Justices for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Rease Morgan sence the year 1794 and have heard him speake often of his Servises and towers that he served I Remember well of seeing one of his Discharges from under the hand of general green [sic: Nathanael Greene] it Read as well as he could Recollect it was for a six months tower to the South And often have heard him Morgan say he was In the Battle at guilford and was retained in servise after the Battle for months I have Been well acquainted with mary Morgan and in fact She now lives with me as one of my famaly She has never Been Marrid sence the Death of Rease Morgan and further sayeth not August 5th 1839

The under signed do verily believe from such information as they have gathered from Reese Morgan himself Benjamin Cundiff and others that the said Reese Morgan was in the Battle at Gilford as they have often heard said Morgan & [illegible word] Benjamin speak of said Morgans bearing a neghbor by the name of Isaac Reedy from the Battle field after he was wounded.

Elijah hisXmark Cundiff Sen

Jemima herXmark Cundiff

February 27th 1841

NOTE: In 1840 (month illegible) Mary Morgan swore that she was married to Reece Morgan by a Baptist preacher named William Johnson in Bedford County in 1777 or 1778, but that the record of the marriage was destroyed when the Clerk's Office at New London (now in Campbell County) burned. On 31 Jul 1839 in Franklin County Patience Woody deposed that she was a neighbor of Reece Morgan and Mary Hood in Bedford County at the time of their marriage. Jemima Cundiff deposed in 5 Feb and 20 Mar 1840 that she attended the marriage of Reece and Mary Morgan in the year before the birth of her first son, Isaac Cundiff, on 24 Aug 1779. Her husband, Elijah Cundiff, deposed that Jemima Cundiff was the bride's maid.