

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Morgan W7468

Ann Morgan

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State of Virginia Mathews County to wit


On this 8th day of April 1839 personally appeared before the court of Mathews County Ann Morgan who was Ann Forrist [sic, Ann Forrest] before her intermarriage with James Morgan a Resident in the County of Mathews and State of Virginia aged seventy-one 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 made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" – That she is the widow of James Morgan who was a soldier in the militia service in the Revolutionary War. I do not know the number of his tours of service as we was not married until after he left the Service. I have often heard him speak of being out on duty at different places but no [know] nothing of it myself as I have no Recollecting [recollection] at present of [one or more indecipherable words]¹ in the Service. She further declares that she was married to the said James Morgan the 16 of September 1790 by Parson McBride which will fully appear by reference to his certificate marked A and that her husband the aforesaid James Morgan died on the 6th day of March 1830 [very unclear]² – and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

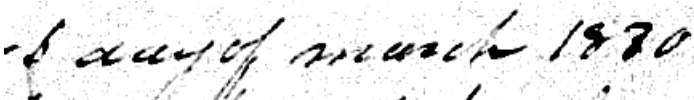
S/ Ann Morgan, X her Mark

[p 3: Certificate dated September 16, 1790 given in Gloucester County Virginia by James McBride stating that he joined James Morgan and Miss Ann Forrest in holy matrimony on said date.]

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I George Callis of the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia do upon oath make the following Statements to wit that I knew and was well acquainted with James Morgan late of this County I also know that he entered the service of the United States as a militia Soldier under the command of Captain Phillips in 1780 [last digit unclear could be 1781] and so continued in the service of [off] and on until the End of the war I cannot say that I recollect the numbers of the

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towers [tours] of duty but I no [know] that he was on duty at point comfort and at Gloucester court House and at other places for I was with him I have heard the deposition of William Morgan read which he has given in support of his Brother James' Services and I think that James Morgan must have rendered as much service as he has stated in that deposition for during the two years he was attached to the Serve [service] the militia from this part of the County was most all the time out on duty the deposition which I allude to was made before Richard B Bramley one of the Justices of this County on the 22 day of May 1829.

S/ George Callis, X his mark

[attested in Mathews County Virginia on June 10, 1829 by W. M. Brownly, JP]

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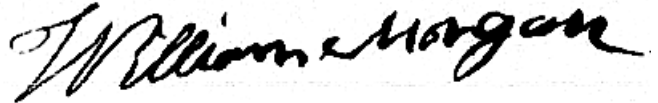
The deposition of Wm Morgan [William Morgan] taken before a Justice of the peace of Mathews County in the State of Virginia in support of the services of James Morgan late of this County in the War of the Revolution, he being of lawful age and a pensioner of the United States, and being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he knew and was well acquainted with James Morgan for they were brothers and knew that he entered into the service of the United States in the early part of the year 1780 as a militia Soldier under the command of Captain John Billups who commanded a militia Company, Sir John Peyton Colonel and went to near Point Comfort, and served a tour of duty for two months there and other places: and when a guard was wanting. He was again called out in the same year and under the same officers to go to the upper part of the County on the lines, where the British were expected and marched up to Gloucester Co. Ho. [Court House] and there we were stationed for some time and not hearing anything from the enemy, returned back again, on that tour of duty he served six weeks: and as soon as we had returned from that tour of duty, we had orders to go to Wmsburg [Williamsburg]; that the British had gone up James River, and it was expected, that they would make an attack upon that place; he passed through King and Queen County and crossed York River at the brick house Landing or ferry and were marched on to Birds Tavern, where we fell in with Colonel Page who took command of us and gave us something to drink, and then marched us on to Williamsburg where we were stationed for some time; we were then marched down the James River, and were stationed there for some time and whilst there, the British came down the River and we were all paraded, expecting that they were going to make a landing, but they did not: they kept on down the River and after they had passed, we were all marched back to Williamsburg, where we stopped a short time and then marched down to little York where we fell in with the Gloucester Militia on their way to Hampton: and they wanted us to go on down to Hampton and suffer them to relieve, but our officers would not agree to such a proposal consequently they went on down to Hampton and we returned home. In the above tour of duty, he served two and a half months; In the latter part of the same year, he was called out in a like manner, and served a tour of duty at Pepper Creek and at Point Comfort for one month. – In 1781 he was again called out, under the same officers and went to point Comfort, and served a tour of duty for one month: In the same year he was called out to go to the upper part of the County in consequence of expecting the British would passed through the country, and went up on the lines, and after being up there for some time, we were again ordered back in consequence of some vessel being seen off in the Chesapeake Bay and marched to No Point Comfort, and after the vessels had dispersed, we were discharged. On that tour of duty he served six weeks. He was again called out in the same year and under the same officers, when all the Gloucester militia were called out in consequence of Lord Cornwallis having possession of little York – was marched to Gloucester Court House:

thence to Seawall's old field, from thence to Gloucester Town, where the great Battle was fought: In that tour of duty he served three months – I think he served another tour of duty at Point Comfort, for one month in the latter part of 81 and the early part of 82.

I came in possession of the knowledge of the foregoing tours of duty in consequence of my having served with him, we had many little skirmishes with Barges, during the foregoing tours of duty. I have given the number of tours of duty which James Morgan served during the Revolutionary War to the best of my recollection at present.

I also know, that James Morgan was married to Ann Forest in September 1790 by Parson McBride for I was present at the marriage, and that he died the 6th day of March 1830.

S/ William Morgan³

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]

³ FPA S7246