[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

State of Virginia – Prince Edward County to wit:

I Josiah Legrand of the County of Prince Edward and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the late Captain John Morton, now deceased, of the County of Prince Edward, and most of the members of his family. The said John Morton was an officer in the Revolutionary war – He departed this life many years since, leaving a Last will and testament, and the following children, to wit: first Charles Morton, 2nd Elizabeth Morton who married Jacob [name written over and illegible], both of whom are now living in the County of Prince Edward – 3rd Hezekiah Morton – 4th James Morton at present living in the County of Prince Edward – 5th Benjamin Morton who resides in Halifax County – 6th Joseph Morton – 7th Josiah Morton who resides in State of Kentucky – 8th Nathaniel Morton – 9th Mary Morton who married Obadiah Fuqua – 10th Nancy Morton who married Carter Thompson and residing somewhere in the West – 11th Sally Morton who married William Fuqua, 12th John Archer Morton at present residing in the City of New York – 13th Richard Morton – 14th Obadiah Morton of Prince Edward – 15th Ana Patsy Morton of Prince Edward. That these are all the children of said Captain John Morton, to the best of my knowledge and recollection. And I do further certify, that according to the latest information received, all of the above named children were living except the following, to wit: first Charles Morton, who left three children, to wit, Nathaniel, John and William – 2nd Hezekiah Morton who died in the County of Prince Edward leaving 5 children, to wit, William Moseley, Elizabeth who married Judge Hughes, John Campbell, Mary who first married Leonard Anderson and then married Hugh Morton, and Pheeby Morton – 3rd, Jacob Morton who never married, and left no children – 4th Nathaniel Morton left 2 children, to wit, and George Morton and Adelaide Morton who has since married a Mr. Stewart, 5th Mary Morton who married Obadiah Fuqua – she had children, but the number and their names are not known – Mary went to the Western Country – 6th Sally Morton who married William Fuqua – If she had any children their names are not known to me – 7th Richard Morton, he never married, and left no children. These are all of the children who are at present believed to be did – Given under my hand this 19th day of August 1833

S/ Josiah Legrand

Petition for bounty land

The Heirs of John Morton Captain C. L.

John Morton, name is on the Army Registered – He received April 20th 1780 for a certificate for £10.12 – the balance of his full pay, as Captain of the Continental line, for a
service from January first to March 13th 1777 – (see Auditors Certificate)  
The minutes of the Committee of Safety show that John Morton was commissioned  
Captain of Prince Edward Regulars, May 10, 1776 & was recruiting 8th 1776.  
The Journals of the Council show that John Morton was Captain of the 4th Regiment in  
December 1776.  
The accounts of the Committee of Safety show that Captain Morton was engaged in the  
recruiting service January 7 – 22, 1776 – (see Auditors Certificate &c)  
On the "Roll of [indecipherable word] & supernumerary officers of the Virginia  
Continental & State Troops" – which document is on file in the first Auditors Office, and of  
which an extract has been filed with the Petition, John Morton appears as Captain commissioned  
February 19th – 1776 – he is not their said to have resigned: and is presumed to have been  
supernumerary.  
A certified extract from the Journal of William Armistead a public store keeper, or  
perhaps Commercial agent of the State, has been filed with the Petition. From this document, it  
appears that Captain Morton received clothing to which he was entitled as an officer – July 4th  
1780.

The above is the whole of the evidence of public documents relating to this claim.
The evidence of witnesses is as follows

John Foster, a Revolutionary soldier, 80 years old a pensioner of the United States and a  
man of respectability, says he well remembers Captain John Morton of Prince Edward County –  
that he enlisted under him & marched to the North with him – That the said Captain John Morton  
raised a large Company of men, in the early part of the year 1776 and [several indecipherable  
words due to the poor quality of the image] served until the fall of that year – They were then  
ordered to the North & attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson. He  
remembers that Captain Morton whilst in service in the northern Army received a severe wound.  
He believes Captain Morton was in service upwards of 3 years: and has heard that after he left  
the northern Army, he was Commissary for the remainder of the war.

Wm Vaughan [William Vaughan] a revolutionary soldier a pensioner of the United States,  
86 years old, and said to be a respectable man, says, he was in the northern Army more than 2  
years and knew Captain John Morton of the 4th or Regiment. This witness says he has read the  
statement of John Foster and believes it to be correct – he knows many of the facts therein set  
forth.

In the printed list of Officers &c No. 2, I have [indecipherable word] reported of this  
claim, in the following words – to wit

"there is no proof of his (Captain Morton's) title to land."
That report was made on the evidence of public documents above; and I ought to say that the  
whole of the evidence of that description which is now offered was not before me.

Respectfully submitted
S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c.
Made 19th, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

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The affidavit of John Foster Senior of the County of Charlotte & State of Virginia intended to be read in evidence in establishing a claim of Land bounty in behalf of the heirs & legal representatives of the late Captain John Morton deceased who was a Captain in the State line of Virginia upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War.

This affiant being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith; that he is now in the 80th year of his age and was a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, and is at present drawing a pension for services rendered on that account. He well recollects Captain John Morton of Prince Edward County under whom he enlisted and under whom he marched to the North in order to joined the Grand Army commanded by General Washington. The said Captain John Morton raised a large Company of men in the early part of the year 1776 and first marched them to Portsmouth in Virginia where we were stationed until late in the fall of the same year. We were then ordered to the North, and were marched to the 4th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Lawson, under General Stevens [Edward Stevens] – While in the northern Army, he distinctly recollects Captain John Morton received a severe wound in one of his legs from the breaking of a piece of timber, which occasioned him much pain, & to remain in camp for some time. As soon as he recovered, he resumed the command of his company again & was very active in the service so long as he the said Foster continued in the Army. He feels no [indecipherable word] of hesitation in saying that he verily believes Captain John Morton was in the Continental service upwards of three years. After the return of Captain Morton from the northern Army, he was credibly informed by those who knew the facts, that the said Morton acted as Commissary in the Army for the remainder of the War; but this he does not know of his own knowledge – Captain Morton was an effective officer respected by his brother officers, and

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1 FPA S1515
State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit:

I William Vaughan\(^2\) of the County of Charlotte, being called upon to state what I know in regard to the services of the late Captain John Morton of Prince Edward in the Revolutionary war do hereby certify that I am at present in the 86\(^{th}\) year of my age and was a soldier in the company of Captain John Brent attached to the 4\(^{th}\) Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. I am also a pensioner of the United States in have been for many years, on account of services rendered in the Continental Army. I was in the northern Army upwards of 2 years, and have a distinct recollection of Captain John Morton and his company from the County of Prince Edward. The said Morton and his company were attached to the 4\(^{th}\) Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson under General Stevens. The statement of Mr. John Foster Senior has been read to me and I feel no doubt of the correctness of his statement, as many of the facts come within my own personal knowledge. According to the best of my knowledge and belief, the said Captain John Morton was in the Continental service at least 3 years; and was considered an active and efficient officer. He got wounded by some means, which disabled him for a while. Given under my hand this 27\(^{th}\) day of March 1834.

S/ William Vaughan

\(^2\) William Vaughan S14754
James Bigger gave testimony on May 16, 1836 in Prince Edward County Virginia that he had a brother (not named) who served under Captain John Morton in the North.
[Note: There are other affidavits in this file given by William P. Hamlett, James Mullings and Josiah Sharp, but the images of those documents have been split so as to render them difficult to decipher. Consequently, I have not undertaken that task.]