



Revolutionary War Pension Application of Thomas Morgan

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
GREENE COUNTY

Personally appeared before me Thomas Jones an acting Justice of the Peace for said County and State: Thomas Morgan resident of said County and State aged Eighty two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress dated June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated ---- that he volunteered in Botetourt County Virginia under Captain Robinson and Colonel John Preston the commander of the Regiment for one month this was in about the first of the year 1778, we marched twenty miles down New River to Culvinson's bottom where was the frontier fort on said River -- the object of said tour was to drive off and guard against the Indians -- he served out said month and returned home. A few days afterwards he volunteered at the same place to serve three months tours as a ranger to go from one fort to another, under Colonel Preston we marched from Parris's fort on the bank of the New River to Cavender's fort four miles down the river thence back to Parris's fort visiting each alternately during the whole three months, guarding against the Indians. Next he volunteered at the same place where he first entered the service, a few days after the expiration of the last tour, to guard Parris's fort four months against the Indians -- at the expiration of said four months he volunteered at the same place where he first entered the service to serve one month, he served out said month at James Allison's fort about one mile from New River. Col. Preston had the ordering out of men and Superintendent of all the aforesaid forts and the command of the men stationed therein.

In the fall of 1779, this applicant moved from said Botetourt County Virginia to Washington County in the Territory of North Carolina now Greene County in the State of Tennessee. That in the summer of 1781 he served first as a spy against the Indians five days, on the next day after the expiration of said five days he was called on by Captain Doherty to act as spy again for one month, that he served said time out. He was then called on by the same Captain to spy another month which he done also; he was then called on by the said Captain to spy fifty seven days more which he accordingly done that after the spying to wit about the year 1782 he served a tour of one month under Colonel Robinson from said County of Washington against the Cherokees. He marched as far as Beech Creek and was there discharged. He afterwards spied the Indians two months and a half months under Major Taford the whole spying was done in the years 1781 and 1782. This applicant during the first months tour of spying as aforesaid killed an Indian near the painted rock in North Carolina near the Frenchbroad river. Afterwards in the last of year 1782 or first of 1783 he volunteered in Washington County under Captain Jacob Brown of Washington County, Territory of North Carolina in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Sevier. We marched on to Tellies (Talley) block house in Little River in Cherokee Nation and was there discharged having served one month during this Tour.

This applicant states that he has no documentary evidence to show that he served as aforesaid in the Revolutionary War, and that he knows of no testimony he can produce but the testimony of Henry Reynolds to prove any part of said service and which is hereto affixed. This applicant is about eighty years old. He has no record kept of his age; he was born in Bedford County State of Virginia. That when he as called into the service of the United States he lived in Botetourt County in the said State, that he removed from there to Washington County, Territory of North Carolina now Greene County, State of Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He knows of no living man who can testify as to his age or the reputation of his service in the revolution.

I here relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Thomas Morgan

Sworn to and subscribed before
me date above written.
Thomas Jones
Justice of the Peace

Ed. Note: Thomas Morgan is on the [1783 Greene County, Tennessee Tax List](#), and the 1835 federal pension roll includes Thomas Morgan of Greene County, Tennessee as a private in the Virginia Militia who was awarded an annual allowance of \$58.33, and had received \$174.99 as of 6 Jul 1833, his pension having started when he was age 85. See also [Tennesseans in the Revolutionary War, Surname R](#), for more about Henry REYNOLDS.



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