

THOMAS MORGAN

SERVICE	NUMBER
Va	Morgan, Thomas
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**SOUTHERN CAMPAIGNS AMERICAN REVOLUTION PENSION STATEMENTS**  
**PENSION APPLICATION S2862                      f24 NC [sic, VA]**  
**Transcribed by Will Graves                      5/15/09; rev'd 6/3/17**

State of Tennessee Greene County:

Personally appeared before me Thomas Jones an acting Justice of the peace for said County & State Thomas Morgan resident of said County & 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 passed 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 & Colonel John Preston the commander of the Regiment for one month this was then about the first of the year 1778; we marched 20 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 & guard against the Indians -- he served out the said month & returned home. A few days afterwards he volunteered at the same place to serve three months tour as a Ranger to go from one Fort to another, under Colonel Preston we marched from Parris's Fort on the bank of New River to Cavender's Fort four miles down through said River thence back to Parris's Fort visiting each alternatively 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 of 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. Colonel Preston had the ordering out of men & superintendence 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 [George Doherty] to act as a 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 this spying to wit about the year 1782 he served a tour of one month under Colonel Robinson [sic, probably Lieutenant Colonel Charles Robertson] from said County of Washington against the Cherokees. We marched as far as Buck Creek and was there discharged -- he afterwards spied that the Indians two months and a half months under Major Tedford the whole spying was done in the years 1781 and 1782. This applicant during the first month's tour of spying as aforesaid and killed an Indian near the painted Rock in North Carolina near the French Broad River afterwards in the last year of 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 [John Sevier] we marched into Tellies blockhouse on Little River in Cherokee Nation and was there discharged, having served one month during this Tour.

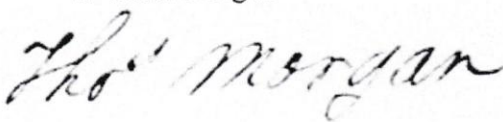
This applicant states that he has no documentary evidence to show that he served as aforesaid in the revolutionary war -- And that he knows of no testimony he can procure but the testimony of Henry Reynolds<sup>1</sup> could prove any part of said Service & which is hereto affixed -- This applicant is about 80 years old -- He has no record kept of his age -- he was born in Bedford County State of Virginia -- that when he was called into the service of the United States he lived in Botetourt County in the said State that he removed from thence to Washington County, Territory of North Carolina now Greene County State of Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He knows of no clergyman who can testify as to his age or the reputation of his service in the revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the date above written.

S/ Thomas Jones, JP

S/ Thos. Morgan



[James Kelly gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Greene County:

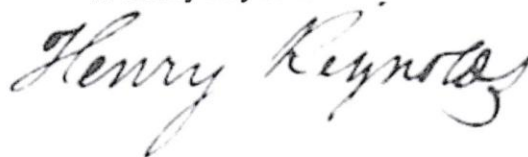
I Henry Reynolds resident of said County and State do hereby swear that the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration as to Services therein mentioned with the exception of the tours upon New River in Botetourt County, Virginia I know to be true, because I was with the said applicant to wit Thomas Morgan during the several times he served as a spy and during the tour of one month under Colonel Robison as in the foregoing declaration for a pension mentioned except the last tour of one month to Tellies Block house under Colonel Sevier, and as to the other tours --

In said declaration mentioned I believe the said applicant Thomas Morgan served them. I certify that I am well acquainted with said Thomas Morgan who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration (having lived within 4 or 5 miles of them about 53 years) that I believe him to be 82 years of age -- that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that I knowing he was, of course concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th of February 1833

S/ Thos Jones, JP

S/ Henry Reynolds



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$58.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private 4 17 ½ months in the Virginia militia .]

Thomas Morgan and Henry Reynolds, also a Revolutionary War soldier, were near neighbors in the Camp Creek area. In the 1812 Military Roster of Captain Andrew G'Fellers, Henry 'Runnels' owned 373 acres of land at Camp Creek. Thomas Morgan is in this same listing but owned no land and shows as a 'Poll Only'. This Thomas would likely be Thomas Morgan Junior.

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The State of North Carolina

To all whom these Presents shall come... GRANTING :

of Fifty Shillings  
to Thomas Korgan

Know ye, that we, for and in consideration of the sum  
for every hundred acres hereby granted, paid into our Treasury.

Have given and granted and by these Presents do give & grant  
unto the said Thomas Korgan a tract of land containing fifty acres lying  
being in our County of Greene south side of Hollock's Creek near to Camp Creek  
beginning at a stake & running a meridional line south seventy five  
meters fifty eight poles to a hickory at the mouth of the water fork of  
Camp Creek thence north twenty poles to a hickory East eighty poles then  
north five meters twenty poles round the foot of the Rock then north fifty  
meters fifty five poles to a white oak, thence north fifty eight poles  
to a hickory by Francis Hughes line then north forty East along said  
line ten poles to a black oak & hickory thence along Francis Benjamin's  
line south seventy five East fifty eight poles to a stake thence a meridional  
to the beginning as by the plot at the county annexed doth appear  
& except with all the water courses & minerals hereditament  
appertaining unto the said land belonging or appertaining to  
said to the said Thomas Korgan his heirs & assigns forever  
yielding & paying to us such annuities or money yearly or  
otherwise as shall be determined by the General Assembly from time to time may direct  
Provided always that the said Thomas Korgan shall cause this  
Grant to be registered in the Registry office of our County of Greene  
within three months from the date hereof. Otherwise the same  
shall be void to no effect.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused these, our letters to be made patent and our Great Seal to be hereunto affixed

Witness Alexander Martin

Esquire, our Governor, Captain General and Commander-in-Chief at  
this 36 day of January in the 16 year of our Independence and in the year of our  
Lord 1791.  
By his Excellency's Command.

Jos Glasgow  
Secretary.

Alexander Martin

## BIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS MORGAN

[Find-A-Grave Memorial Posting, Shelton Mission Cemetery Greene County]

Prior to moving to Tennessee he was living in Botetourt County Virginia. During Dunsmore's war, he was paid for 8 days of service from Fincastle County. He served under Captain Robinson and Colonel Preston during the early days of the Revolution. He came with his father and brother, Adonijah, to what was then Washington County, North Carolina. He served as a scout for John Sevier during the Revolutionary war. In Ramsey's Annals of Tennessee, page 178 it states that "During this summer two of the spies that were kept out in advance of the settlements, were Henry Reynolds and Thomas Morgan, discovered the Warm Springs on French Broad. They had pursued some stolen horses to the point opposite, and leaving their own horses on the north bank, waded across the river. As they reached the southern shore they passed through a little branch the tepid water of which attracted their attention. The next year Warm Springs were restored to by invalids." While on a scouting trip he has a skirmish with the Cherokee Indians by Paint Rock; today this area is part of the Cherokee National Forest (USDA) and a portion of that area is referred to as the Paint Morgan Trail. In 1804, he is a founding member of Tennessee's first abolition society. His land is located on the Nolichucky River at Camp Creek. In keeping with family tradition he operates a mill.

Certified by the East Tennessee Historical Society as a settler of Tennessee prior to statehood, June 1, 1796 (#1385). By Act of Congress dated June the 7th 1832, he received a pension for service during the Revolution.

### LAND DEED IN 1793 FROM THOMAS MORGAN TO JOHN MCDANIEL

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Conveyance Thomas Morgan (To) John McDaniel for 50 Acres on the South Side of Noli chuckey River on Camp Creek	This indenture made this twenty-seventh day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand and Seven hundred and Ninety three between Thomas Morgan of Greene County and Territory of the United States of America South of the River Ohio of the one part and John McDonald of the same Place of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Morgan for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Pounds Virginia money to Him in Hand Paid the Receipt Whereof is Hereby acknowledged doth Bargain Sell Grant Alien Enfeeoff and Confirm and By these Presence Hath Bargained Sold Granted Aliened Enfeeoffed and Confirmed unto the Said John McDunold and His Heirs and Assigns a Certain Tract of Land Situate Lying and Being in the County of Greene aforesaid on the South Side of Nolichuckey River on Camp Creek Beginning at a Stake thence along a Conditional line South twenty five west fifty eight Poles to a Hickory at the mouth of the watery fork of Camp Creek then North twenty Poles north thirty East Sixty Poles then North five west twenty Poles Round the foot of the Knob then north fifty west forty two Poles to two white oaks then fifty Eight Poles to a Hickory on Daniel Kennedys Line then north forty East along said Line ten Poles to a Black oak and Hickory then along Sperling Romans South twenty five East Fifty Eight Poles to a Stake then a Direct Line to the Beginning Containing Fifty Acres as By Patent Granted the 26 <sup>th</sup> of December 1791 at Neberna No. N°. 893 Reference thereunto Had will more Fully and at Large appear Together with all ways waters water Courcess Proffits Commodities Hereditaments Emoluments advantages and appertenances Unto the Said Land Belonging or in any wise appertaining with the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Proffits thereof and further that the said John McDaniel now at the time of Sealing and Delivering of these Presence is Seized of a Good Sure Perfect Estate and inheritance in fee Simple to Have and to Hold the aforesaid fore Granted Premises to Him the said John McDaniel and to the only Proper use and Behoof of Him the Said John McDaniel His Heirs and assigns forever and the Said Thomas Morgan the aforesaid Bargained Premises from Him His Heirs and Assigns and Against all and Every other Person or Persons Shall and will warrant and forever Defend By virtue of these Presents In Witness whereof the said Thomas Morgan hath Hereunto Set His Hand and Seal the day and year first above written
Registered in Book (E) and Page 218	Seald Signd in Presence of us } Thomas his I mark Morgan {LS} Adonijah Morgan } Greene County Court August Sessions 1793 John McGee } Then was the Execution of the within Deed

On November 18, 1820, a marriage occurred between Thomas Morgan and Rachel D. Follet. This marriage could be for either Thomas Morgan Senior, a Revolutionary War Soldier, or his son, Thomas Junior who served in Colonel Bunches' Regiment during the War of 1812.

Thomas Senior appears in the Greene County Pensioner's Listing of 1835, age 83, drawing a pension in the amount of \$58.33 per annum. Cumulatively, he had drawn \$174.99 by that date. Thomas Senior is enumerated in the 1840 census, as a Pensioner, age 88. His wife, is shown as age 50-59.

An inventory of his Estate is recorded in 1845. The Administrator of the Estate was Thomas Reynolds.

*Thomas Morgan Decd.*  
*2nd June 1845 June Term 1845.*  
*To the Worshipful the County Court of Greene County June Term 1845.*  
*Comes into my hands as the Administrator of Thos Morgan,*  
*of Thos Morgan Deceased,*  
*One claim on John K. Snapp \$25.00*  
*Another claim yet to draw on the Estate of Thos Morgan dec. \$10.00*  
*but doubtful whether it can be collected---*  
*2 June 1845-*  
*Thomas Reynolds Admin*

**Thomas Morgan Decd.**

The worshipful the County Court of Greene County Court June Term 1845  
Comes into my hands as the Administrator of (?)  
of Thos Morgan Deceased.  
One claim on John K. Snapp \$25.00  
Another claim yet to draw on the Estate of Thom Morgan dec. \$10.00  
but doubtful whether it can be collected---  
2 June 1845  
signed  
Thomas Reynolds Admin