

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Bashaw¹ S2962

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[State of Tennessee, County of Davidson]

On the 27th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting for the County of Davidson, in the State of Tennessee Peter Bashaw a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years on the 31st day of March 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832--

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated – That in the fall of the year 1781² he commenced service as a Substitute in the place of Joseph Jones in Fauquier County Virginia in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Francis Triplet [Francis Triplett], whose company & another commanded by Captain Winn [perhaps Minor Winn] marched alone, after he had substituted himself, to Hillsboro, North Carolina where they both joined the Army under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] – and at that place Triplet was promoted to the rank of Colonel and the Army was then under the command of the following officers, Morgan commanding general, Washington [William Washington] Colonel, commander of the horse, and Col. Triplet – he marched and counter-marched through serious parts of North Carolina, without any important occurrences until after the Army left that State & arrived at the Cowpens, South Carolina where it was overtaken by the British under the command of Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton]-- he was in service in that battle, wherein, Tarleton, and the British were signally defeated, by the Americans under the command of General Morgan – after the defeat of Tarleton [January 17, 1781], he was one of the guard, composed of Militia, under the command of Colonel Triplet that conducted the prisoners to Charlotte, North Carolina, & when he arrived at that place his term of service expired, & he was discharged – he commenced another tour of service in Fauquier County Virginia, in the early part of the year 1781, as a substitute in the place of Herman Utterback, in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Jennings [perhaps William Jennings]³, part of a Regiment under the command of Colonel Edmonds [Lt. Col. William Edmonds], -- From Fauquier County Virginia, this Regiment, under Colonel Edmonds marched to Richmond Virginia, where it Joined the Army under the command of General Lafayette – he served in the Army under the command of General Lafayette until after very as marches & counter-marches without any important incident his term of service expired when he was discharged, having served three months. In the latter part of the year 1781, in the same County & State, he substituted himself in the place of Joshua Holesclaw, in a single company of Militia, commanded by Captain Helloms [perhaps Captain Thomas Helm?] – under his command, he marched

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² The events described by the applicant would indicate that he is mistaken in this date, that he must have entered the service in the fall of 1780, not 1781, since the battle of Cowpens which he states he fought in occurred in January 1781.

³ There were a number of militia officers by the name of Jennings who served from Fauquier County Virginia. Those include Baylor Jennings, Berryman Jennings, Augustine Jennings as well as William Jennings.

from Fauquier County to little York, Virginia, where his company Joined the Army under the command of Generals Washington & Lafayette, when his company was formed into a Regiment under the command of Colonel Edmonds, he remained in service at York, during the siege at that place, & after the surrender of it, he was one of the guard under the command of Major Welch, that marched with the prisoners to Winchester Virginia, when his term of service having expired, he was discharged – he further states that he has no documentary evidence.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court October 27, 1832.

Test: S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk of
Davidson County Court

S/ Peter Bashaw



State of Tennessee, Davidson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County April Sessions 1833

On this ___ day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting for the County of Davidson State of Tennessee Peter Bashaw who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832-- in answer to objections of the war department to his former declaration.

I was born in the year 1763, March 31. I have a record of my [age] at home. I was born in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia, where I lived until the Revolutionary war, & during it, unless whilst I was in service I resided in said County & State. In 1809, I moved from Fauquier County Virginia to Davidson County in the State of Tennessee where I have resided ever since, & still reside--

Whilst in service I was always a private & never was an officer during the Revolutionary War.

I served in my first tour, mentioned in my former declaration four months being called out for three but I served four as a private being a substitute in the place of Joseph Jones.

In my second tour, I served three months being a private & substitute in the place of Herman Utterback, in a company of militia commanded by Captain Jennings.

In my last tour, I served three months as a substitute & private, in place of Josiah Holesclaw, in a company of militia commanded by Captain Helloms.

I refer to the following gentleman in relation to my character, & the service –Edmund Goodrich, William Neely, William Fowlkes, Henry Fowlkes, Matthew P. Walker, Benjamin Morgan, John Maxcy [?], Enoch Cunningham, Honorable John Bell, & Felix Grundy, members of Congress, & Andrew Jackson President of the US.

S/ Peter Bashaw

Sworn to and subscribed in open court April 24th, 1833

Test: S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk of Davidson County Court

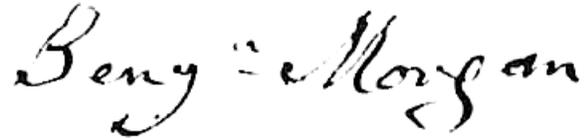
[James Gwin, a clergyman, and John R. Wharton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Benjamin Morgan⁴ certify that I was acquainted and in service with Peter Bashaw, during the revolutionary war, that he was a messmate of mine, and that his statement or declaration is true.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court.

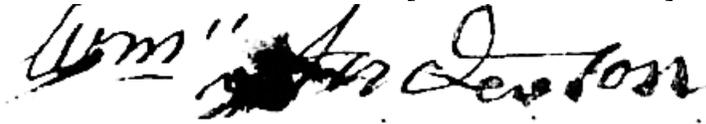
S/ Benjn Morgan [Benjamin Morgan]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benj Morgan".

S/ Henry Ewing

I declare that I was in service with Peter Bashaw in the revolutionary war,

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court. S/ Wm Anderson [William Henderson]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Anderson".

S/ Henry Ewing

[p 11: On May 5, 1855 in Davidson County Tennessee, the veteran, then stating his age as 92, filed for his bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act. Although shaky, he signed this document with his own signature.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service.]