

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Morgan Cryer S31635

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United States of America Territory of Arkansas County of Hempstead: Sct

Be it rembered [remembered] that on the fifteenth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of the County of Hempstead and Territory of Arkansas now sitting and presiding Morgan Cryer Senior of the County of Lafayette and Territory of Arkansas, about seventy-six years old 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 of June the 7th 1832, to wit.

That from the best information in his possession he was born on or about the 22nd day of February 1756 in the State of South Carolina where he resided until he was about thirty years old, he then removed to the State of Georgia where he resided upwards of twenty years from thence he removed to West Florida where he resided about nine years, from thence he removed to Appalosa [Appaloosa] State of Louisiana where he staid a few weeks, from thence he removed to the Territory of Missouri now the Territory of Arkansas where he has resided about seventeen years, and being now his present place of residence.

That from the effects of age and a bad memory he finds it impossible to state all the particulars of his life that occurred during the revolutionary war, But, That he entered the service of the United States as a regular soldier about the year 1778 in the State of South Carolina and that he was attached and belonged to a company of infantry commanded by Captain Samuel Taylor, who was commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumter, that they went out against the Cherokee Indians up into the mountains where they had a severe skirmish with the Cherokee Indians, he recollects that there were nine Americans killed in this skirmish, that he received a severe wound with a gun that in his left ankle, that after he was wounded, he obtained a furlough, and was absent from his Company three or four months, he recollects of [several words interlined or written over and illegible] under the surgeon several weeks at a place called Ninety Six, when he recovered so that he could walk he again joined his company and continued in the service until his time expired when, he was discharged, that he returned home, where he remained a few months, he was then drafted, and served two or three months against the British and Tories, who were then in the State of Georgia, he recollects that one object of the Americans was to prevent the British from crossing the Savannah River. He states that he does not recollect all the particular times and terms that he served, but he continued in the militia and served as a militia man until Lord Cornwallis was taken from the year of 1779 or the year of 1780, that he was sometimes permitted to return home, and see his family, he once marched to the town of Savannah where it was expected the British would be where he remained a month or two. He also states that he frequently marched against the British and Tories, but was never in any serious

engagement. That he served from first to last during the revolutionary war at least three years.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the said Morgan Cryer Senior, to wit

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of South Carolina on the 22nd day of February 1756.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age set down in a Bible, which I now have with me.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in the State of South Carolina when called into service. I have before stated where I resided since the revolutionary war. I now reside in Lafayette County Arkansas Territory.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. At first I enlisted and served 12 months, afterwards I was drafted; but I more frequently served as a volunteer than he never served as a substitute.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I was acquainted with General Williamson, Colonel or General Sumter he was acquainted with Captains Rushabey [sic?], George Robinson, and others

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did receive discharges but at this time have forgot who gave them to me, they are now lost or mislaid.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

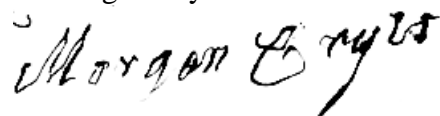
Answer. I am acquainted with the Reverend Lemuel Wakley of the County of Hempstead and Territory of Arkansas, and also Absalom Mading and William McDonald who can testify as to my character for veracity.

This deponent further states that he never received a pension from the United States government or any State, he also states he never applied for a pension, and that his name is not on any pension roll.

And I the said Morgan Cryer Senior do 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.

And the said Morgan Cryer Senior further states that he knows of no person that he can prove his services by. That he has no papers that will prove his services.

S/ Morgan Cryer



[Lemuel Wakley, a clergyman, Absalom Mading and William McDonald gave the standard supporting affidavit.

” Lemuel Hubrey
Abraham Westing
William McDonald

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[Similarly, Abraham Block, and Preston Kitchen also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]