Pension Application of Reace Morgan W4297
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State of Virginia }  SS:
on this 3rd Day of August 1839 personally appeared before me John M Holland one of the commonwealth Justices of the peace Mary Morgan a resident of Franklin county And State of
working three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision maid by the act of
Congress Passed July the fourth Eighteen hundred and thirty Six that She is the widow of Reace Morgan, who was a private in the militia in the revolutionary war and part of his time served as a corposal so Represented to Be By him and his neighbors At that time, it is further said that he
was in the servis of his country during the greater parte of the ware Before and after it was
married and it is Said that he served Seven towers which she Believes to be true the particular dates of the Different Towers and names of the officers under whom he served She cannot
Recollect it is stated By him and his neighbours that he was in the Battle of gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] it was Stated and Believed by his staying so long after the Battle
that he was killed She further declares that she was married to the said Rease Morgan on the ___th Day of July 1777 that her husband the afore Said Rease Morgan died on the ___th day of Febr
1817 in Bedford County Virginia and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as
will more fully appear by Rifferance to the proof here to anext
Mary her Xmark Morgan
Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above writen. Before me John M Holland JP

Bedford County  State of Virginia  To wit
This day [23 Jul 1839] personally appeared before me Matthew Pate a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid John Buford [pension application W5967] of Lawfull age and made oath in due form of Law, that he was well acquainted with Reace Morgan of the County of Bedford Va that he first formed his acquaintance with said Morgan in the year 1776. That said Reese Morgan was in that year a corporal in Captain James Bufords Company who marched to the Cherokee Towns on
Tennessee River That this deponant was in the service of his Country at the same time in the same town with said Morgan. Jacob Early was the first Lieutenant, & William Renfro [William Renfro] second Lieutenant, John Fields Ensign, James Treynor [or Trainer] orderly Sergeant,
under the Command of Colo. Charles Lewis of Albemarle. That this affiant[?] having swapt
towers with a man by the name of Stewart at portsmouth in aug’t 1776 that he came on to Bedford & joined said Bufords Company on the 12th of September & marched on with them to the Cherokee Towns aforesaid that said Morgan was attached to the Company aforesaid at the time it was joined by this deponant, but how long said Morgan had been in service before this deponant joined the Company is not known That said Buford had marched the same company to Williamsburg but was ordered to march back & join the forces under General Christy [William Christian] who was the Commander in Chief in that expedition against the Cherokees. That this deponant thinks that Bufords Company was discharged probably at the Long Islands of Holston [now Kingsport TN] about the last of november or first of December. This deponant on acct of Sickness left the army some time before they were discharged at the Cherokee Towns on
Tennessee River. This deponant thinks the Company aforesaid was detailed for a six months tour as they had marched to Williamsburg, & probably staid there some time but how long, this Deponant is unable to say he being at the same time in the Service at portsmouth where he remained untill the 10th of Aug’t. 1776 when the swap of Tours took place between himself &
said Stewart. & further this deponant saith not. John his Xmark Buford

Franklin County, State of Virginia  To Wit
this day [13 Jul 1839] personally appeared before me John M. Holland, a Justice of the peace, for
the County aforesaid, Joseph Hundley [Joseph Hundly, pension application S5581], of Lawful age, and made oath in due form of Law, that he was well acquainted with Reece Morgan of the County of Bedford Va. In the revolutionary war and in the year of 1774 he the said deponent, was upon his march against the Shawnee Indians, and passed by Fort Arbuckle [sic: Fort Arbuckle], on Muddy Creek in Greenbrier County Va. and there he states that he saw Reece Morgan under the command of Capt William Leftwich of Bedford County Va. guarding the frontier and that after he had gone on, and fought the Shawnee Indians [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774], on his return back by the said Fort he still found the said Reece Morgan there and believes that he was there all the time he was gone (To wit) about five and a half months, and he the said Morgan, then and there was discharged and came home to Bedford County Va. together with said deponent. the said deponent further depo seth and saith that in 1780 the said Reece Morgan marched from Bedford County Va under the command of Capt Thos. Leftwich to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] North Carolina to the place of Rendezvous, and then they marched together to Camden [SC] and was in that Battle when General [Horatio] Gates was defeated [16 Aug 1780] under General Stephens [sic: Edwards Stevens], and then returned back to Hillsboro, and was discharged in the month of October Having served a tower of three months to the best of my recollection - and in 1781 he the said deponent also saith that he was still in the service of his country and that he saw the said Reece Morgan at Judes Ferry on James River [17 miles] above the City of Richmond under the command of Capt Henry Blewford [sic: Henry Buford], marching to James Town against the British, and does not know, but believes he served a three months militia tour. and further saith not. Joseph hisXmark Hundley

State of virginia  Franklin County  to wit
this day Luke Bird of lawful age came before me John M Holland one of the Commonwealth Justices for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Rease Morgan since the year 1794 and have heard him speake often of his Servises and towers that he served  I Remember well of seeing one of his Discharges from under the hand of general green [sic: Nathanael Greene]  it Read as well as he could Recollect it was for a six months tower to the South And often have heard him Morgan say he was In the Battle at guilford and was retained in servise after the Battle for months I have Been well acquainted with mary Morgan and in fact She now lives with me as one of my famaly  She has never Been Marrid sence the Death of Rease Morgan and further sayeth not  August 5 th  1839

The under signed do verily believe from such information as they have gathered from Reese Morgan himself Benjamin Cundiff and others that the said Reese Morgan was in the Battle at Gilford as they have often heard said Morgan & [illegible word] Benjamin speak of said Morgans bearing a neighboring by the name of Isaac Reedy from the Battle field after he was wounded.

Elijah hisXmark Cundiff Sen  Jemima herXmark Cundiff
February 27 th  1841

NOTE: In 1840 (month illegible) Mary Morgan swore that she was married to Reece Morgan by a Baptist preacher named William Johnson in Bedford County in 1777 or 1778, but that the record of the marriage was destroyed when the Clerk’s Office at New London (now in Campbell County) burned. On 31 Jul 1839 in Franklin County Patience Woody deposed that she was a neighbor of Reece Morgan and Mary Hood in Bedford County at the time of their marriage. Jemima Cundiff deposed in 5 Feb and 20 Mar 1840 that she attended the marriage of Reece and Mary Morgan in the year before the birth of her first son, Isaac Cundiff, on 24 Aug 1779. Her husband, Elijah Cundiff, deposed that Jemima Cundiff was the bride’s maid.