

**MORGAN REUNION SUNDAY
ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD**

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28 August 1941

The Morgan reunion held at the old Arbor on Roaring River Sunday attracted hundreds of descendants of the Morgan family and friends. An interesting program was given and the sermon at 11:00 o'clock was delivered by Rev. W. M. Dycus. At the noon hour dinner was spread and all enjoyed the ample supply of delicious food.

One feature of the program was the reading of greetings from Lewis K. Smith, of Carrollton, GA, which we print below at the request of Mrs. Tilda Whitaker:

To the Morgan Family Reunion To be held at the Arbor on Roaring River Sunday, August 24, 1941:

Greetings and best wishes from the oldest descendant of Daniel Morgan Morgan now living:

My contribution is a song ballad, words only, copy of a writing which I found in the Family Bible of my grandfather, Daniel Morgan Morgan. This writing is in the hand of our common ancestor, Job Morgan, who was born March 7, 1771, came with his wife, Sally Hawkins Morgan and their children then born, from Burke County, North Carolina, about the time Jackson County was formed, 1801 and settled on Spring Creek in Jackson County. They were members of Spring Creek Baptist Church. He was a son of Joseph Morgan, a Revolutionary Soldier whose record is as follows: "Morgan, Jos. Pt. Walker's Company 18 Dec. '76, 3 years service. Corp'l 1 Dec. '76, Pt. June '78. Discharged 29 Jan. '80. 7th Regiment-Col. James Hogun." See "Roster of Soldiers of the American Revolution," page 94, Washington D. C.

Job Morgan was a musician from his boyhood. In our earliest account of him we find him playing a fife, a boy, helping guard the jail in Morganton, NC, in which was confined a man condemned to death. Joseph Morgan, father of Job, was Sheriff of Burke County.

In Jackson County, TN, according to the account I had from Uncle Austin H. Morgan, Job Morgan taught music, sang music, wrote music and always set the tune at preaching when he was present.

Job Morgan died at the home of Austin H. Morgan on Roaring River January 1, 1857. He and his wife are buried in a country graveyard not many miles away. I was there once and saw their graves many years ago probably more than 50. I think Uncle Austin directed me how to go. Henderson Young was with me. The graveyard was grown up in timber at the time. Let me suggest that you join in a movement to have their graves located and properly marked.

The manuscript in Job Morgan's hand writing of which I am sending copies has no heading. I have supplied one from the Methodist Hymn and Tune Book, page 77, No. 138. This book was published by the Methodist Publishing house in Nashville in 1889. It has a very beautiful tune there, whether it is the one Job Morgan sung or not we have no way of knowing. Borrow one of these books from the Methodist Church and have the singers, descendants of Job Morgan sing this song at the reunion as a tribute to his memory.

Job Morgan, 87 years old passed out of this life into the beyond with a song on his lips. Uncle Austin told me: "My father said to me, my feet are cold. I got a rock, heated it and put it to his feet. Then he said sing me a song. "That was the hardest task ever assigned me. He selected that one beginning: "Stoop down my soul, that used to rise; Converse awhile with death." He sang at least two verses with me. Once I made a mistake and he said: Uh, Uh. I went back and corrected it. When the song was through he took his two hands, pressed his chin up so his gums were together, he had no teeth, closed his eyes and was gone.

With all good wishes.

Your Kinsman and Friend: Lewis Kerry Smith

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Revolutionary War:

MORGAN, JOSEPH

Service:

NORTH CAROLINA Rank: PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Birth:

(CIRCA) 1750 ANSON CO NORTH CAROLINA

Death:

1815 BURKE CO NORTH CAROLINA

Service Source:

NC REV ARMY ACCTS VOL VI, P 22, FOLIO 1, ROLL # S.115.57.2

Service Description:

1) PROVIDED MATERIAL AID TO ARMY

Residence

County: BURKE CO - State: NORTH CAROLINA

Spouse: **NANCY CURTIS**

Austen Hawkins Morgan born on 15 - Oct - 1813 at Maringo Jackson Co
died at Maringo Jackson Co on 18 - May - 1898 and his (1st) wife

Barbary Johnson born on 15 - May - 1816 at Maringo Jackson Co
died at Maringo Jackson Co on 17 - Apr - 1849 married on 15 - Feb - 1833

4.

The Said **Austen Hawkins Morgan** was the child of

Job Morgan born on 7 - Mar - 1771 at NC
died at Jackson Co TN on 1 - Jan - 1857 and his (1st) wife

Sally Hawkins born on 17 - Sep - 1778 at NC
died at Jackson Co TN on 13 - Jan - 1863 married on 10 - Sep - 1795

5.

The Said **Job Morgan** was the child of

Joseph Morgan born on (c) - - 1750 at NC
died at Burke Co NC on - - 1815 and his (1st) wife

Nancy Curtis born on - - at _____
died at _____ on - - married on - -