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Virginia documents pertaining to Mathew Arbuckle VAS2270  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certify that Matthew Arbuckle deceased was appointed a Captain in the Committee of Bottetout [sic: Botetourt] County (of which Committee I was a member) in September 1775 agreeable to an Ordinance or Convention raising troops for the defence of the Western Frontiers for one year and was continued a Captain two years longer in a subsequent ordinance or convention; which time he serv'd in the capacity of a Captain being together with all the troops stationed on the Ohio [River] incorporated into the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia regt. on Continental Establishment in an Act of Assembly passed October 1778[?]. the term of service ending October 1778 and the pay being from Continental paymasters at the [two undeciphered words] mentioned except the [undeciphered] two Mo's pay [undeciphered word] above which [undeciphered word] of Colo. [undeciphered] Harrisson [sic: Benjamin Harrison, Jr.] who was Commissary and Paymaster for the State of Virginia in that Department. Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day Sept. 1784.

(Signed) Wm McKee [William McKee] Capt. 12<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't.  
Department of War/ Accountant's Office/ January 12<sup>th</sup> 1799

I certify that the above is a copy of the Certificate filed with a settlement No 18 in the Office of the Register of the Treasury made with the Estate of Captain Arbuckle by the State of Virginia for the Depreciation of his pay to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1778; and further Certify that neither the names[?] of Matthew Arbuckle or William McKee appear on the Register of the Muster Rolls of the Virginia Line on file in my Office

Given under my hand and seal of Office the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Wm. Simmons/ Acct Dept War

NOTE: According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*, p 81) Capt. Mathew Arbuckle's Independent Virginia Frontier Company was one of the independent companies formed by the third Virginia convention in July 1775. In July 1775 Capt. Arbuckle's independent company from Botetourt County was sent to Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant in present West Virginia. On 8 Jan 1777 Congress assumed control of the frontier forts and asked the Virginia Council of State to raise companies of Continental troops to garrison them. In 1778 troops in the independent companies were dispersed into these Continental companies.