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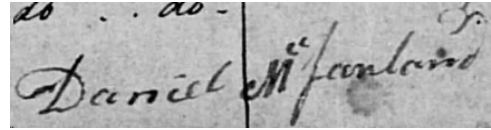
SINGLE MEN DRAFTED FROM MONONGALIA COUNTY VA FOR ONE YEAR, 24 MAY 1778

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Return of the Single Men Drafted for One Year; In Monongalia County May the 24th Day 1778 Agreeable to Act of Assembly [see endnote]

Mens Names	When Drafted	Remarks
Henry Six	May 24 th 1778	
William Knotts	do do	
John Nichols	do do	
John Six [possibly pension application S36758]	do do	
Garret Clawson [W3776]	do do	
Robert Ivors	do do	
Thomas Harrison	do do	
Jacob Leonard	do do	
William Smith	do do	
George Bellows	do do	
John Smith	do do	
Thomas Cochran [Thomas Cochran]	do do	
Michael Cole	do do	
Henry Smith	do do	
George McCristery	do do	
Drew Smith	do do	
Robert Hustead	do do	
Joseph Evans	do do	
John Kee	do do	
William Bennett	do do	
John Porter	do do	
Jonathan Miller	do do	
James Jones	do do	
John Ice	do do	
John Luellen	do do	
William Swaney	do do	
John Robnet	do do	
John Hill	do do	
Joseph Frigs	do do	
Abraham Hatheway [Abraham Hathaway]	do do	
Daniel Holman	do do	
Jacob Harvecost	do do	
Ralph Braddock	do do	
Thomas Wright	do do	
John Weclk [John Welch?]	do do	
Copes Remaine	do do	
Benjamin Deane	do do	
Solomon George	do do	
Samuel Harris	do do	
Edward Dowling	do do	

[signed] Daniel McFarland

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel McFarland". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name "Daniel" is written in a large, flowing script, followed by "McFarland" in a similar but slightly smaller script. There are some faint markings above the signature, possibly "20 . . . 20 -".

NOTE:

Transcribed from <http://www.fold3.com/image/#9946993>.

In 1778 Monongalia County VA comprised much of what is now northern West Virginia and part of southwestern Pennsylvania. Col. Daniel McFarland was the County Lieutenant in charge of the Monongalia County Militia.

The "Act of Assembly" alluded to was "An Act for speedily recruiting the Virginia Regiments on the continental establishment, and for raising additional troops of Volunteers," passed in October 1777 (Hening's Statutes at Large. <http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol09-16.htm>). This act was necessitated by severe losses of Continental troops, especially of the 9th Virginia Continental Regiment at Germantown on 4 Oct 1777. Among other provisions, the act of October 1777 specified that a number of single, able-bodied men over age 18 and without children would be drafted from the county militias for one year. Selection was made by having each eligible man draw a slip of paper on which was written either "service" or "clear." Those who drew "service" received a bounty of \$15 and were exempt from future drafts after serving out their one-year's terms. The quota for Monongalia County was set at 40, which is the number of men listed above.

Garret Clawson's pension application W3776 indicates that he was in the 13th Virginia Continental Regiment, which was raised from the Western District of Augusta County, Yohogania County, and Monongalia County. According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*. Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007), five of the ten companies in this regiment went to the North and served in Washington's main army, while the remaining five companies were stationed at Fort Pitt at Pittsburgh and Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant. It is not clear where the 40 from Monongalia served, or whether they all served together. Sanchez-Saavedra states that the entire 13th Virginia Continental Regiment was stationed at Fort Pitt by 14 Sep 1778, when the White Plains Arrangement caused it to be renumbered as the 9th Virginia Continental Regiment. (See <http://revwarapps.org/b138.pdf>.) This new 9th Virginia Continental Regiment remained west of the Allegheny Mountains throughout the remaining eight months of the tour for which the Monongalia men had been drafted.