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MUSTER ROLL OF CAPT. MICHAL RADAR'S MILITIA COMPANY OF DUNMORE
(SHENANDOAH) COUNTY VIRGINIA 1777

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Title: Records, 1775-1776. Section 4. Description: 5 items.

Summary, etc: Include muster rolls, 1775, of the Virginia militia units in Dunmore [now Shenandoah] County, Va., commanded by Joseph Bowman, Jacob Holeman (includes note of Isaac Zane listing the members of this company, 29 May 1775), Alexander Machir, and Michael Reader, and the First Independent Company of Dunmore County, Va., a largely German regiment.

Subjects:

Bowman, Joseph, 1752-1782

Holeman, Jacob

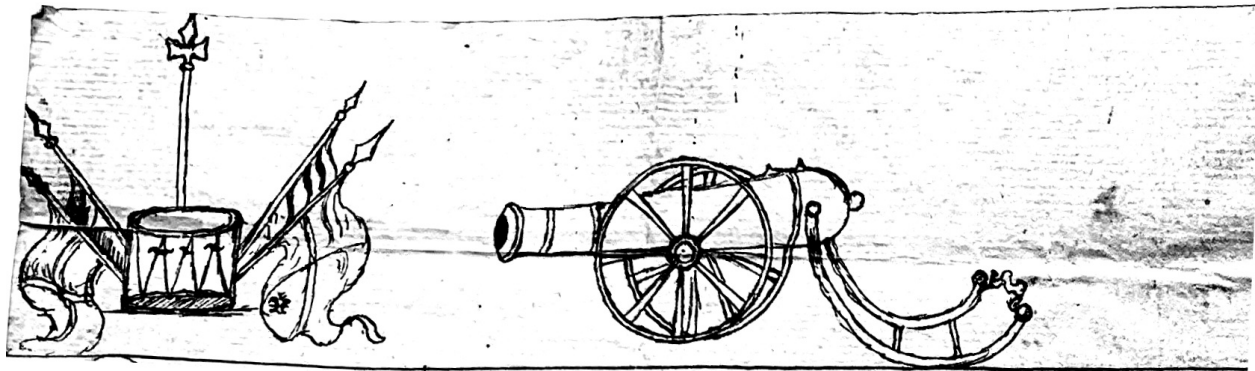
Zane, Isaac, 1743-1795

Machir, Alexander, d. 1790

Reader, Michael

Unique Record Number: 164759


The roll is on both sides of a single sheet of paper approximately 12 by 15 inches, folded once to form a four-page booklet with one column of names on the left side of each page. The names of officers are assumed to be in the first column, and above it is the decorative drawing shown below. It has been suggested that the roster was compiled during Lord Dunmore's War of 1774 rather than the Revolutionary War, but the flags depicted in the drawing do not appear to be British. The fleur-de-lis on the flag in front on the right is a motif associated with France, which supported the Patriots against the British during the Revolutionary War.



Written vertically on the page listing the officers is "M. Reader" – Captain Michael Reader (8 Feb 1751 - 18 June 1839). Like many of the names on the list, his was spelled in various ways, but he signed his name as Michal Radar in his [pension application S7349](#). Radar stated in his pension application that he first entered the service "on the 1st or 2d day of Sept" in 1777 by raising a "volunteer company in the County of Shenandoah Virginia at a place in said County called Massinutten." Radar and his volunteer militiamen were apparently from the area near Massanutten Mountain in Shenandoah County, which at that time was called Dunmore County and included parts of present Page and Warren counties. Radar

marched his company to Winchester, where he joined four other companies under a Capt. Reddicken or Radikan from Loudoun County, Capt. Henry Paulding of Botetourt County, Capt John Nisewanger of Frederick County, and Capt. Thomas Buck [S16672](#) of Dunmore. They continued on the Braddock Road to Fort Pitt at present Pittsburgh, which was then considered a part of Virginia. At Fort Pitt, Brigadier General Edward Hand sent them down the Ohio River by boat to Fort Henry at Wheeling in present West Virginia. Hand's plan was to join them later and continue to Point Pleasant to attack the Shawnee Indians. According to Robert Russell [S6041](#), "On the first day of our arrival near the Fort at Wheeling, we succeeded in driving the Indians from the Fort, which they then infested." Russell stated that the "company remained at the Fort at Wheeling until the 14th day of November 1777 when it was transferred to Captain Samuel Mason whose Company, [he] being a member of it, remained to guard the Fort at Wheeling until the 26 day of March 1778." William Harris [R4674](#), however, stated that the tour ended a few days before Christmas. "Small pox had broken out in camp," according to Capt. Buck, "and the winter coming on (it then being late in November or beginning of December the General thought it best to decline the expedition and discharged the troops except a certain number to remain the six months to garrison that fort." (Additional details of this tour may be found by clicking SEARCHES at [revwarapps.org](#) and searching for "Wheeling" plus "Samuel Mason" or "Thomas Buck" or "Thomas Baldwin" or "James Parsons." See also the roster ([B109](#)) of Capt. Buck's company on this expedition.)

Some, but not all, who were on the roster were on the tour to Fort Pitt and Wheeling. In addition to Radar, William Harris [R4674](#) and Thomas Price [S31917](#) are on the roster and stated that they were on the tour. Lewis Stoneberger [W9683](#) is on the roster, but this tour is not mentioned in the pension application filed by his widow. The following were on the tour in Radar's company but are not on the roster: David Bumgarner [W5968](#), Jeffrey Collins [S9192](#), Walter Cunningham [S9263](#), and Robert Russell [S6041](#). The lieutenant and ensign they name (Enoch McCarty and Townsend Fugate) differ from those named in the roster. It appears, therefore, that the roster was not compiled at the time of the tour. Collins stated that they actually volunteered in March 1777 and were held in readiness to march until the expedition actually began, so the roster may have been compiled at that time. The roster is said to have been from Dunmore County, which became Shenandoah County on 12 Jan 1778, so it was probably compiled before that date.

Many of the soldiers in Radar's company were German settlers, and their names were probably spelled phonetically by the person (probably one of the listed sergeants) who compiled the roster. In brackets I provide possible alternative spellings, as well as the numbers of any pension applications, which are transcribed at this website. Some of the names are followed by up to three x'es. the significance of which is unknown. Some names are followed by this symbol of unknown meaning  which I indicate with an asterisk.]

[column 1]

M. Reader [written vertically]

Rich'd Branham Le't

Anthoney Cortner Ens'e

Wm Artrip Sargan't *

James Hord Sarg't *xx

David Maggot Sarg't *

Thom's Cummins Corp'l

George Kuents

Bengeman Maggot

Mathias Fryermood x

Lewes Pence xxx

John Limebach xx

Peter Limeback xx

Martin Cofman xxx

Adam Deker x

John [?ger] [lined through] x

Peter Roler x

John Beveridge xxx

James Cambel xxx

Michel Comer

Jacob Pence x

Fredrick Pence x

Henery Pence xxx

Daniel Kepliner x

Jacob Kibliner x

Philip Wingart x

Christley Magget xxx

John Maggot xxx

John Heartsbarger xx

Daved Cofman xxx

Long David Coffman xxx

Hogspill David Coffman xxx

[Michal Radar [S7349](#)]

[Richard Branham Lieutenant]

[Anthony Courtner Ensign]

[William Artrip Sergeant]

[David Maggert Sergeant]

[Thomas Cummins Corporal]

[George Koonts]

[Benjamin Maggert]

[Lewis Pence]

[Peter Limebach]

[Martin Coffman, Martin Kaufmann]

[Adam Decker]

[Peter Roller]

[James Campbell]

[Michael Comer]

[Frederick Pence]

[Henry Pence]

[Daniel Keblinger]

[Jacob Keblinger]

[Christley Maggert]

[John Maggert]

[John Hartsbarger]

[David Kaufmann]

[David Kaufmann]

[possibly David Kaufman from Hawksbill Creek, Page County]

[column two]

Peter Hammon

Christley Rife *xx

Andrew Sitse

Michel Rinehart

Abraham Spitler *

Jacob Spitler x

Daniel Snider x

John Snider

Jacob Heaston xxx

Bryant Breden

[lined through]

John Cuningham x

William Watson xxx

Jacob Hudle xxx

[Peter Hamman, Peter Hammond]

[Jacob Seitz, Jacob Sights]

[Michael Rhinehardt]

[Jacob Heston]

[John Cunningham]

[Jacob Huddle]

Augustine Piper xx	
Henery Whitick	[Henry Whitick]
David Profit x	
Peter Heston xx	
Philip Long x	
Joseph Rufner xxx	
Fredrick Gimblit x	[Frederick Gimlet]
Jacob Burner	
John Heyner x	
John Burner xx	
William Brinkley	[possibly R1215]
Charles Kiser Jones	
Christley Bumgardner xx	[Christley Bumgarner]
John Hunt [lined through]	
John Burton x	
John Adwell	[John Atwell]
Michel Coler xxx	[Michael Kohler]
Jonathan Watson x	
Abraham Pidler xx	[Abraham Bidler]
Abraham Brubaker[lined through] x	
Jacob Judah[?]	
Henery Miler xxx	[Henry Miller]
[column three]	
[name lined through]	
^{mon} Meredith Price x	
Zachrey Price Juner x	[Zachary Price, Junior]
Anger Price x	[Anjer Price; compare W1073]
Even Price xx	[Evan Price]
Zachrey Price Sener xx	[Zachary Price, Senior]
Meredth Price Juner xx	[Meredith Price, Junior]
Thomas Price x	[S31917]
John Price xx	
Edward Price x	
George Shits Juner xx	[George Sheets, Junior]
Mathias Shits xx	[Mathias Sheets (Shitz) S40423]
Fredrick Stonebarger	[Frederick Stoneberger]
John Stonebarger	[John Stoneberger]
Lewis Stonebarger	[Lewis Stoneberger W9683]
George Rodecap	
Peter Rodecap	
Christley Grove xxx	
Marks Groves xxx	
Henrey Rickabocker xx	[Henry Rickabacher]
John Heaston xxx	[John Heston]
Conrod Aleshite xxx	[Conrad Aleshite]
Benedick Aleshite	[Benedict Aleshite]
Alexander Hay x	
Daniel Hite x	[Daniel Hight]

Henery Mauk	[Henry Mauk]
Fredrick Overboker	[Frederick Overbocker]
Jacob Overbocker Ju'r	
Joseph Strickler xx	
Isack Strickler xxx	[Isaac Strickler]
Henery Bellus x	[Henry Bellus]
George Underwod xxx	[George Underwood]
Andrew Gimblet xx	[Andrew Gimlet]
Lewis Pibler x	[Lewis Bibler]
Jacob Wiggle	[Jacob Wiegel]
Bengeman Strickler *xx	[Benjamin Strickler]
George Hammon xx	[George Hamman]
[column four]	
Mikchel Wise	[Michael Wise]
John Wise	
Joseph Vencent x	[Joseph Vincent]
Darbey Celley xx	[Darby Sealy]
Edeard Celley x	[Edward Sealy]
Andrew Hite	[Andrew Hight]
Willam Harrs	[William Harris R4674]
Michel Rode xx	[Michael Rhode]
John Lear xx	
Christley furrey xx	[Christley Furry]
William Tyre x	
Thomas Perrey	[Thomas Perry]
Jacob Rufe xx	
Bengeman fugit x	[Benjamin Fugate]
Doonsen fugit	[Dunson Fugate]
John Artrip xx	
Michel Reap	[Michael Reep]
John Willams	[John Williams]
John Lee xx	
John Dial xx	
Antho'y Alturf	[Anthony Alturf]
John Alturf xx	
Bengeman Rufner xx	[Benjamin Rufner]
Christon Pebler	[Christian Bibler]
Christon Cofman xx	[Christian Kaufmann]
Abraham Pitsbarger	
Peter Tisinger	
Philip Prince	
John Pence j'nr x	[John Pence, Junior]
Luke Celley x	[Luke Sealy]
gasper good	[Casper Good]
Joseph kiser x	[Joseph Keyser]
John Overbocker [lined through]	[John Overbocker]