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Pension Application of Daniel Cotterell R2351

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To the Hon'ble Secretary of War of the U.S. of America [15 Dec 1835]

Daniel Cotterell, now resident in the County of Berrien & Territory of Michigan, but formerly of the State of Ohio, respectfully represents, That he served in the War of the Revolution, more than four years, that he is not on the Pension Roll of any State or Territory and till within the last few weeks he could find no witness, who served with him in the Army therefore he has not hitherto been able to obtain a pension. He states, on oath, that in 1777 or 1778 while quite young, not more than fifteen years of age, he left his residence in the State of Virginia, & in the State of Pennsylvania he enlisted with the Army of the Revolution, on the Continental establishment, in the Company of Capt. Johnson [possibly William Johnston], & Regiment of Col. [Daniel] Morgan Rifle corps, called the first Regiment, where he served for about two years, when he was transfered to the 4<sup>th</sup> Regemint, commanded by the same Colonel Morgan. That Wm. H McKee [William H. McKee] served in the same Regiment, & a considerable part of the time lived in the same Mess; that he was then of Pensylvania & I believe rec'd. his pension as an Inhabitant of that state, but recently I met him in the Territory of Michigan. After serving about two years in said 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment he met with a severe wound in his leg, on his march from Trenton to Philadelphia, & was left in the Hospital at Philadelphia, where he was nursed by an old woman by the name of Sharpe, & by her instrumentality saved his leg from being amputated. After he had partially recovered he was ordered to join the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment; but as he was not mustered with the able bodied men, he does not, now, recollect the names of his officers. Our Regiment was ordered to little York, but we did not arrive till after the battle [Siege of Yorktown], & when we did arrive, Lord Cornwallis, with his Army, were marching out to lay down their arms [19 Oct 1781]. After a few weeks we were parolled, till called for, but soon after I was ordered to join Col. Waynes Regiment [sic: Gen. Anthony Wayne's army], who was then called Mad Antony ["Mad Anthony"] & I served a considerable time under him & had several skirmishes with the Indians & remained in the Army till the close of the War. I am now seventy six years old, am totally destitute of property, & can find no person, except Wm. H. Kee who served with me

Daniel hisXmark Cotterell

I William H. McKee late of Pennsylvania but now resident in the County of Berrien & Territory of Michigan, a Revolutionary Pensioner, testify and say, that I am well acquainted with Daniel Cotterell formerly of Pennsylvania, but now resident in said County of Berrien; and know that he was a soldier in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War; that he was a private in Captain Johnson's Company, & Col. Morgan's Regiment of Riflemen, called the first Regiment; and served in that Company & Regiment more than two years; & afterwards was transferred to the fourth Regiment, in which I served, where he served more than two years, and said Cotterel & myself messed together. Said Cotterel is now before me, in the town of Niles in s'd. County of Berrien, & I know him to be the identical man, & he served with me in the Revolutionary war. I think he entered the army in 1776 & served more than four years, & was in the battle when Cornwallis was taken [signed] Wm H McKee

This may certify, that I am personally acquainted with the above named McKee, & knew him at Washington, some years since, & think his name was inscribed on the Pension Roll by special act of Congress. I am certain, that when I served on the Committee of Pensions, in the 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Congress we uniformly reported in his favour December 15<sup>th</sup> 1835 John Varnum/ formerly of Mass'tts

NOTE: I could find no pension application for William McKee, William Kee, or any variant spelling.