

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Robert Applegate S32097

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. [Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Pennsylvania } SS.

County of Allegheny }

On this day March 26th 1835, personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in the County of Allegheny & State of Pennsylvania now sitting, Robert Applegate a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 — that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Robert Applegate states that he served as a militia-man for a period of four months In [Lachlan] McIntosh's campaign – belonged to a company commanded by Capt. John Crow which was attached to the 8th Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia under the command of Col. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead]. Col. Joseph Beeler was second in command of s'd. regiment – thinks the s'd 8th Regiment may have Regular Troops but knows that Col. Beeler the second in Command was a Militia Officer. The army under McIntosh rendezvoused at Fort Pitt now Pittsburgh – crossed the Allegheny and marched down to a place one mile below the mouth of Beaver Creek [Beaver River] where the army erected a fort called Fort McIntosh – during this march a slight skirmish took place between the rear-guard of the army and some Indians. After the completion of Fort McIntosh, the army proceeded to a point on the Tuscarawas river [in Ohio] where they erected a fortification called "Fort Lawrence." [sic: Fort Laurens near present Bolivar] a company of Regulars was left at this fort, under the command of Col. [John] Gibson and the remainder of the army returned to Fort McIntosh, were there dismissed and returned home After this time he went, as a volunteer, under Capt. Joseph Ogle, whose company was attached to the command of Col Broadhead, to an Indian Town on the Muskingum, called Coshocton – the Army took possession of the town. Col. Stephen Bayard was in this expedition and had command of a division of the army – the army marched from Coshocton to a place called "New-comers-town, remained there two days, and a treaty having been concluded with the Indians at that place, the army returned homeward, and came in military order as far as Wheeling at which place the army was disbanded. [See endnote.]

Prior to the services above specified, this applicant states, he joined a company at Peters Creek under the command of Capt. John Wall, which drafted for the public service and ordered to take station at the mouth of Grave Creek on the margin of the Ohio river [Fort Tomlinson at present Moundsville WV]. He remained there at a Fort for one month, doing military duty, when his term of service having expired, he returned home. This applicant further states that he served one month under Captain Maybury Evans [sic: Mabry Evans], in a Fort at the mouth of Montour's Run [sic: Vance's Fort near Montour Run in present Coraopolis PA], on the Ohio river, doing military duty in s'd Fort – was drafted for that service for the term mentioned, and on its expiration returned home. This Applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence of the services above stated nor any means of fixing precise dates – And he knows of no person now living who could testify to the truth of his statement, except William Beazell of Westmoreland County who was with him in the expedition to Coshocton but in no other service. John Imlay late of this county deceased, was acquainted with all the services above enumerated and testified to them before Garret Wall Esqr. of Elizabeth Township, but his affidavit together with other papers relating to the matter of this application are not now to be found, having been sent to the Office of the Prothonotary of this County, where diligent search has been made without effect. This applicant is acquainted with John Walker, James Wall, Vincent Applegate & Solomon Johnston all of Elizabeth Township in this county who could certify to their knowledge of this applicant and their belief of his

having served as stated. And further this applicant states that he has no acquaintance with any clergy man, whose attendance could be procured in Court, that could certify to the general report or belief of the services stated. He is acquainted with Henry Spurs, a clergyman residing in Washington County, whose brother-in-law, James Fry, was with him in McIntosh's campaign – but the advanced age and remote residence of said Spurs has discouraged this applicant from making any effort to procure his attendance. The said Henry Spurs is the Clergyman to whose preaching the family of the applicant attends and is the only clergyman whom the applicant believes could certify in the premises and whose age and distant residence has put it out of the power of the applicant to have him in Court [signed] Robert Applegate

[Robert Applegate deposed in support of the pension application of Garrett Applegate (S32096) as follows:]

Allegheny County Ss

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County of Allegheny, Robert Applegate who upon his solemn oath according to law depose and saith, that Garret Applegate formerly of the State of Pennsylvania but now of the State of Indiana; served as a volunteer in Gen McIntoshes Campaign under Capt Isaac Pearce, rendezvoused at fort McIntosh to the best of this deponants recollection about the first of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, marched to the Tuskararas, returned home about the last of December following, this Deponant further saith that the aforesaid Garret Applegate served under Capt John Wall a tour of one month a volunteer against the Indians at Grave Creek on the Ohio River; went on horse back found their own horses and provisions, also that the said Garret Applegate served as a volunteer was first Sergant under Capt Joseph Ogle under Col Broadhead in a camppaign against the Indians to the Muskingum River was gone about one month — This Deponant further saith that all the above mentioned servaces was dureing the Amerecan Revolution, that he was himself in all the aforesaid camppaigns; was at that time and has been ever since well acquainted with the aforesaid Garret Applegate, and that the said G. Applegate has ever been a man of good carrector

Sworn and subscribed this tenth day of February 1833

[signed, looks like] Robert appelgue

State of Pennsylvaiia } Ss

Allegheny County }

Personaly appeared before me one of the justices of the peace in and for the County afforsaid William Beasel a respectable citazen of the County of Westmorland State of Pennsylvania who being duly sworn as law directs doth depose and say that he is personaly & well acquainted with Robt. Applegate of the County of Allegheny who is an applicant for a pension for services in the Revolutionary War, Saith that Robt Applegate and depont volunteerd in the service of the United States in the begining of Aprile 1781 under the commd of Capt. Ogal (for the term of three months) at which time the both resided in Youghiog County Va, from which place we marched to Wheeling, where we fell under the command of Col. Broadhead from thence we marched to Coshocton where we remained a short time from thence we marched to Newcomers Town where we remained some time at which place Col. Broadhead mad a treety with the Indians from thence we marched back to Wheeling and from thence to Devores ferry at which place we were dismissed during which time Robert Applegate served faithfully as a soldier and further saith that any deficencys that may be in this affidavit is owing to old age, and the consequent loss of memory

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd Day of December AD 1836

[signed] Wm Beazel

John Gamble Justice of the Peace

State of Pennsylvania } Ss,

County of Allegheny }

On this 29th Day of December A.D 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County now sitting, Robert Applegate, a respectable Citatzen of the County & state afforsaid Aged seventy seven years past who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress passed June the 7 AD 1832 —

That he entered the servise of the United Sates under the following named officers & served as herein stated, Robert Applegate states that he was drafted from the County of Youghiogheny [sic: Yohogania] State of Virginia [now in Pennsylvania] in the first of May 1778 for the term of six months under the command of Captain Minton [possibly John Minter] from which place we marched to the mouth of big Beaver Crick State of Pa, where we fell under the command of Coln Beeler [Joseph Beeler], attached to Gen. McIntash [sic: Lachlan McIntosh's] Brigade at which place we bilt a Fort, caled Fort McIntash from thence we marched to the Tusceraweys at which place we bilt a Fort called Fort Lawrance. Genl McIntash then marched his troops back to Fort McIntash in the last of October when his term being expired & he was dismissed & returned home after having served six months as a private On the first of Aprile 1779 he was drafted from the County of Youghiogheny Va, for the tirm of six months under the command of Capt Zedock Wright [sic: Zadock Wright] from which place we marched to Mcmichels Fort State of Virginia where we fell under the command of Col Cox at which place we remained attending to duty to the first of October when his term expired and he returnd home from having served six months as a private without receving a discharge, On the first November 1779 he volunteerd under the command of Capt. Cook from the County of Youghiogheny Va, for the term of two months from which place we marched to Pittsburgh where we fell under the command of Colo. Cambel [sic: Richard Campbell] at which place the 13th Regiment of Regulers lay commanded by Colo. Gibson at which place he remained attending to duty to the first of January 1780 at which time his tirm having expired he returned home after having served two months as a private On the first of Aprile 1780 he volunterd under the command of Capt. Maybery Evans of the County of Youghiogheny Va, for the term of three months from which place we marched to a Fort at the mouth of Montures Run on the Ohio River at which place he remained attending to duty to the first of July 1780 at which time his term expired and he returned home after having served three months as a private

In the begining of Aprile 1781 he volunteerd under the command of Caps. Joseph Ogel from the County of Youghiogheny for 3 months from which place we marched to Wheeling at which place we fell under the command of Colo. Broadhead from which place we march by way of the Muskingum River (now State of Ohio) from thence we marched to a place caled Chashactan where we remained a short time from thence we marched to Newcomers Town at which place Colo. Broadhead made a treety with the Indians from thence we marched back to Wheeling and from thence to Devors Ferry at which place we ware dismissed after having served three months as a private without receiving a discharge this applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence of the above servises nor any means of obtaining them and knows of no person who is now living who can testify to all of his servises John Imlay late of this County deseased was acquainted with all the servises stated and testified to them before Garrett Wall Esqr of Elizibeth Township but his affidavit together with other papers relating to the matter of this application are not to be found having been sent to the office of the Prothonotorys of this County where delegend serch has been made without affect this applicant has the deposition of William Beazell of Westmoreland County who served with him one tower at Chashocton and this applicant is acquainted with John Walker James Wall Vincent Applegate & William Gibson all of Elizibeth Township in this County who could certify to their knowledge of this applicant and their belief of his having served as stated above this applicant states that he served five towers in the Revolutionary War, ammounting in all to one year and eight months as a private for which servises he now clames a pension

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency in any state

[signed, looks like] Robert Applegate

Interrogatories put by the Court to Robert Applegate

1) Where and in what year were you born

Answer) I was born March 13th AD 1759 in Princeton N Jersey [sic: Princeton NJ]

2) Have you any record of your age,

Answer) I have no record of my age

3^d) where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer) I lived in Youghiogeny County Va, when I entered the service at which place I have lived ever since now called Allegheny County, Pennsylvania,

4) How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

Answer) I was drafted the two first tours that I served and the three last tours I volunteered

5) State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

Answer) Gen McIntosh Cols. Crofford [sic: William Crawford], Stinson, Beeler, Broadhead, Cambell, Cox, and Gibson who commanded the 13^d regiment of regulars

6^d) Did you ever receive a discharge from the army

Answer) I never received a Discharge

7^d) State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer) Garrett Wall, Esqr William Gibson Vincent Applegate James Wall John Walker John Craighead Esqr & others

State of Pennsylvania } Ss

Washington County }

Personally appeared before me one of the justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Peter Cheseroun a respectable citizen of the County aforesaid aged 89 years past who being duly sworn as law directs deposed and saith that he is personally and well acquainted with Robert Applegate of the County of Allegheny who is now making application for a pension for services in the Revolutionary War, Peter Cheseroun saith that Robert Applegate and this deponent was drafted from the County of Youghiogeny State of Va, in the first of May 1778 for the term of six months under the command of Capt. Minter from which place we marched to the mouth of Big Beaver Crick where we built a Fort called McIntosh at which place we were under the command of Col Beeler attached to Gen McIntosh's Brigade and from thence the army marched to the Tuscoraw at which place they erected Fort Lawrence, and from thence they returned back to Fort McIntosh at which place he was dismissed after having served faithfully as a private soldier and further this Deponent saith not

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 Day of February AD 1837 Peter his Xmark Cheseroun

Geo Passmore Justice of the Peace

State of Pennsylvania } Sct

County of Allegheny }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County of Allegheny William Alexander a respectable citizen of the County of Washington, Pa, who being duly sworn as law directs deposed and saith that he is personally and well acquainted with Robert Applegate who is now making application for a pension for services in the Revolutionary War, William Alexander saith that Robert and this deponent entered the service of the United States on the first of April 1779 under

the Command of Captain Zedock Wright from the County of Youghiogeny, Va, for the term of six month from which we marched to McMichels Fort State of Va, where we fell under the command of Colo Cox, where we remained attending to duty to the first of October when the term for which Robert Applegate & this Deponant was drafte expired during which time the said Applegate served faithfully as a soldier this deponant further saith that Robert Applegate was out several tours besides the one that he served with him but how long this deponant cannot say and further saith not
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7 day of March AD 1837 William hisXmark Alexander
Maj'r. M. Murray

Personaly appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace within & for the County of Allegheny & State of Pa, Robert Applegate a respectable citazen of said county who being duly sworn as law directs deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot give a full statement of all the servises which ware performed during the times, he served in the Revolutionary War, Robert Applegate saith that the first tour that he served in the Revolutionary War, he was drafted for the tirm of six months which said draft was for the purpose of raising men to assist in suppressing the Indians and bilding two forts the first was caled Fort McIntosh the other Lawrence the commenced Fort McIntosh in the later end of August or the begining of September 1778 at which place Gen. McIntosh was commander there ware five Cols. towit, Cols. Gibson commanded the 13^d Regiment of Regulars Col. Broadhead commanded the 8^d Regiment, Pa. Regulars, Cols. Beeler & Stinson ware Melitia Cols. Crawford was there also but what command he had deponant canot recolect when Fort McIntosh was almost finished the main body of the army marched to the Tuscerawyes we built a Fort called Fort Lawrence deponant saith that he helped to carry loggs to build a house in the Fort for Cols. Gibson to live in that winter Gen. McIntosh then marched back to Fort McIntosh leaving Cols. Gibson and his regiment to defend Fort Lawrence deponant returned home after having served six months as a private the second tour this applicant served commened in the Spring of 1779 for the term of six months which said draft was for the purpose of raising men to prevent the Indians from murdering the inhabitance & carrying of their property we marched to McMichels Fort, State of Va. where we fell under the command of Cols. Cox at which place he remaned the most of their time still watching the movement of the Indians but still making the Fort their place of refuge, to his term expired & he returned home after having served six months as a private this aplicant further saith that as to the ballence of the tours set forth in his Declaration he can not recolect any thing more than is there stated this applicant further states that in the fall of the year 1833 he had a Declaretion drawn by Garrett Wall Esqr and depositions taken for the purpose of obtaining a pension which said papers was taken by Samuel Walker to pittsburgh to have them authenticated by the Clerk but when this applicant caled with the Clerk stated the papers ware lost and could not be found amongst these papers ware the depositions of John Imlay who is now dest, who was acquainted with all of this applicant service and John Kincaide [sic: John Kincaid, pension application S22345], who is now dest, who served with this applicant two tours of six months each the first in McIntoshes campain and the second in McMicels Fort, under Colo Cox and was drawing a pension for said servise at the time of his dest, under the Acts of Congress of the 7^d June 1832 this applicant further states that in the first of March 1835 he employed Samuel Frew[?] of Elizibeth Town to make application for him for the purpose of obtaining a pension but Mr. Frew having been elected a member of the legislator of the state he did not attend to his bisness and by that meanes it has been delayed to this time this applicant further states that he has know documentary evidence nor knows of now person who is now living wos testimony he can procure who can testify to his servise more than the depositions he has sent with his declaration, and that any deficinceys that may be in this suplimentary declaration is owing to old age and loss of memmory
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of Aprile AD 1837 [signed] Robert Applegate

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I certify that Mr. Rober Applete gave in this account in the year 1836 March 30th to me was it know stands and I took it down, and redining it to him he said it was all right and wished me to take it down to Mr. George Harger and see If hee could get the penshon for him as a Revoloshan Sollder in the Melleia the above is a List of his time hee served with the officer which the Nams is atached and the said Applete told me that hee wint as a substiute for his Father and his Father to give him a good farm for so dowing and hee has got the good farm year sined William Gibson
 July 12th 1841

Pittsburg Sept 10th 1841

Dr Sir [J. L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner] Mr Robert Applegate a Pensioner, whose pension has been stopped at this Agency has requested me to write to you, and enquire the reason why his Pension has been stopped Mr Applegate was not aware that there had been any stoppage in this matter until he applied at this Agency – although he did hear sometime ago that one of his neighbors with whom he had some difficulty, had threaten to make a complaint to Washington which would stop his Pension. The man who has interupted, who is resson[?] to have complain is of the nam of Wm Gibson ([illegible word] Weaver) who is an alien Place answer this letter as soon as convenient, with the reason for stopping the Pension
 Your respectfully E Simpson

State of Indiana, Harrison County Sct

On this sixteenth day of May in the year 1843 personally in open Court, Before the Court of Probate now sitting. Robert Applegate now a resident of Harrison County State of Indiana aged eighty six years doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 heretofore granted by the War department on the 8th day of June 1837 and subsequently suspended. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated He served one month as a volunteer under Capt. Heth at Pittsburgh during the revolutionary war. the Commanding officers of the Station were Gen. Hand and Colonel Gibson. That he afterwards served one month at the same place under Capt Cook in June the year he does not now remember commanding officers the same as the previous tour. That he afterwards served one other month at the same place under the same Captain and commanding officers That he serve under Captain Mabry Evans at Matine's bottom [probably Montour Bottom] in Allegheny County Pennsylvania eleven miles from Pittsburgh a tour of one month and was engaged in the Scouting Service. That he served one month at Graves Creek a small stockade fort in Virginia twelve miles below Wheeling in September or October of which year he does not remember, his officers was Capt. Wall and Lt. John Crowe scouting service. All the above service performed as a volunteer in the militia. He was also draughted and served for one month at Walthouse's[?] Station in Westmorland County Pennsylvania under [illegible word] under Command Col Cook. He served one tour of one month and five days under Capt Joseph Ogle under command of Col Brodhead who marched from Pittsburgh to Newcomer's town on the Muskingum where the Commandant treated with the Indians. He served one tour of six months

under General McIntosh Commandant a part of the time at the mouth of Beaver in Pennsylvania, where they built a fort & remained from August till November of what year he does not remember, from thence marched to Tuscarawa where they built a small stockade fort, the subordinate officers so far as they can be remembered were Col. Bealer, & Col Gibson, owing to his age and bodily infirmity he is unable to state the particular years during which these services were rendered, but they were all rendered during the revolutionary war and as a private in the militia service – that he has no documentary evidence or written discharge by which to prove such service and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, by whom he can prove such service. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and further declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State

[signed] Robert Apelgaete

The said Court did propound to Robert Applegate agreeable to the instructions of the war department Interrogatories from one to seven. And the answer to each as they were severally propounded are as follows

To Question 1st I was born within a mile of Princetown, New Jersey in the year 1759.

To Question 2nd I had a record from my Mother in a book, but I have lost it and cant tell what has become of it.

Question 3^d I was living up the Monongahela River about twenty miles above [i.e. south of] Pittsburg at a place called the forks of Yough, now I think is Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. I have lived ever since in Allegany County, Pennsylvania until about three years last past, I then came into this Harrison County, State of Indiana where I am now living by the blessings of God.

Question 4th. I was a Volunteer in all the tours except one month, I was drafted in the service at wall tower station, Pennsylvania under the command of Col Cook.

Question 5th There was General McIntosh and his son a big stout man, who was Brigade Major so called. I knew Captian Heth at Pittsburg, and also Lieutenant Hart and I knew Captian Cook at Pittsburg. I served under him a part of my time – the field officers I was under was General Hand and Col Gibson and Campbell at Pittsburg I served in Col Gibson's Regiment. I was acquainted with Captian Mayberry Evans when we were stationed at McCure's bottom, we scouted from McCures bottom to Beaver, I knew Captian John Wall, a Militia Captian and Lieutenant John Crow, at Walls tower station Pennsylvania, Lieutenant Elijah Hart. I was under his Command by Col Cooks order, whom I also knew well and was under Lieutenant Hart one month at that station. I also knew Col. Broadhead and also Captian Joseph Ogle. I was out in service under him one month and five days on the Muskingdom River. I was out six months under General McIntosh in a Company commanded by Captian Mintur, served a part of the time near the mouth of Beaver and the balance of the time at Tuscarawa where we built a small stockade fort. There was Col Beeler the second in command and Col Gibson was in the same campaign, and when we left Col Gibson was left in command of the fort

Question 6th No, Sir, I never had a written discharge

Question 7th I know Charles Reader, James Hays, Henry P. Faith, John Jacobs and Joseph Jacobs these two last knew me in Pennsylvania, they have all told me that they believe, I served in the revolutionary war and that I ought to have my pension. I know no Clergyman or preacher now I did know one, but has decd lately.

NOTES:

In the Coshocton Campaign of April 1781 Brodhead attacked the Lenape Indians at Newcomerstown, in violation of a 1778 treaty signed by Chief Newcomer.

On 16 May 1845 Irwin Applegate of Harrison County IN, son of Robert Applegate, deposed that William Gibson had procured the services of George Harger to obtain a pension for Robert Applegate, but that some legal difficulty later arose between Gibson and Applegate, whereupon Gibson threatened to have Applegate's pension suspended, alleging that Harger had falsified the length of Applegate's

services.. Harger charged Applegate half the pension owed up to the time it was awarded, plus \$10. The younger Applegate stated that his father was old, infirm, almost deaf, and "but a poor scholar at best and can barely write his own name," and that he therefore did not understand the pension application he had signed.