

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Montgomery S33124

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Indiana Franklin County

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March A.D. 1826 personally appeared in open court of the March Term of the Franklin's Circuit Court within and for the County and State aforesaid being a Court of Record, John Montgomery resident in said County aged sixty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said John Montgomery enlisted into the Service of the United States for the term of five years in the summer of 1777 in Washington County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Dazy [James Dysart] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until after the battle of Guilford [Guilford County Court House] which was on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 but was not discharged until sometime in the year 1782 in the State of Virginia. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That he had lost his discharge and had no knowledge until lately that he could prove his enlistment and service as he has done.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I have a wife and two children living with me. A farmer by Occupation but I am not able to pursue it, my wife's age is about fifty-three, the age of my children who are living with me being two in number the Oldest is about fourteen years the youngest about eleven both girls and are but little help to me in my Occupation. That my infirmities and indigent Circumstances are such as to induce me to call on my Country for support. That I am unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country. The following is all the property I owe to the best of my recollection to wit, one mare 10 or 12 head of sheep and about the same number of hogs one pot one kittle, 3 head of cattle, 2 dishes & some plates a few knives & forks one chopping ax one foot Adds [sic?], one plough, 2 hoes one gun, one pair of Stilyards & Iron wedge. No material changes taken place in relation to my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written.

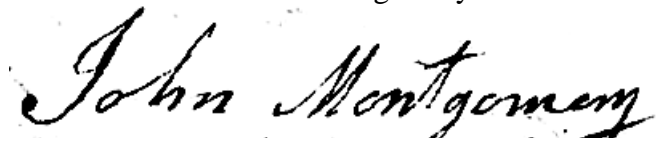
S/ John Montgomery<sup>1</sup>

State of Indiana County of [illegible]<sup>2</sup>: SS

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, personally appeared before me John R Porter Circuit Judge of the first Judicial Circuit of the said State and in which Circuit is comprised said County, and before us Robert Mitchell and Eliphalet Allen Associate Judges in and for the Circuit Court of said County John Montgomery a resident of Sugar Creek Township in the County aforesaid aged sixty-eight years one month and seven days, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 by Thomas Quirk who was a recruiting Officer under Nathan Reed (Captain), and he said Montgomery was placed under Captain John Snoddy until he would be called upon by said Reed [two or more words written over and illegible] in the Continental service (said Snoddy was Captain at Moore's Fort in the then Washington County State of Virginia). Said Montgomery when he marched into the Continental service he served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers; to wit, – \_\_\_ Niel his first name not recollected, and instead of marching into said service, under Reed, he marched and served under Captain James Dasey or Dezzard [James Dysart] (the precise sound of the name not recollected); his Major was David Ward; his Colonel was William Campbell – said Montgomery when he enlisted as aforesaid enlisted for five years, and he thinks he enlisted sometime in the month of June of said year and was discharged at the expiration of said five years, and served out one term of enlistment ending sometime in the year 1782. When he enlisted he resided in said Moores Fort Washington County State of Virginia; he marched from said Fort the spring after he enlisted about 25 miles to Abbington [Abingdon], in the County of Washington State of Virginia where he remained under Captain Dasey until he marched to the Guilford battle in which he was engaged (but a few days before that engagement he was engaged in the skirmish at Whitsells Mills [March 6, 1871, Whitesell's Mill, or Wetzel's Mill]); after said Guilford battle he was sent back to said Moores Fort and placed under Captain Snoddy where he remained until he was discharged as above mentioned.

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 any Agency of any State or, if any, only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia, but believes he has never been placed on the roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Montgomery

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Montgomery". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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<sup>1</sup> the signature appears to me to be in the same handwriting as the document itself consequently I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran

<sup>2</sup> *Parke* [perhaps Parke] The War Department's summary of this file confirms that the clerk in that office assumed the name of the County was Parke County. Other documents in the file indicate that the veteran lived in Parke County, Indiana.

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State of Kentucky Floyd County: SS

The following is the deposition of Thomas Lovelady in this day taken before me Solomon Derasset a Justice of the Peaceful Floyd County to prove the services of John Montgomery an old Revolutionary's soldier who deposeth as follows

I Thomas Lovelady do swear that I was well acquainted with John Montgomery in the Army of the Revolutionary War that I do know that the said John Montgomery did enlist into the Service of the United States in Washington County in the State of Virginia in the summer of the year 1777 for the term of five years that he was enlisted by a man by the name of Thomas Quirk and that I do know that the said John Montgomery did then entered the service of the United States against the Common enemy in in Colonel Campbell's Regiment in Virginia line on Continental establishment in Captain Dazys [James Dysart's] Company that I do know that the said John Montgomery did continued to serve in said Regiment under one enlistment until after the Battle at Guilford which was on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1780, and I was with him in the Battle at Guilford and then that said Montgomery was sent off in the back parts of Virginia to guard a Fort and I volunteered in the service until after the surrender of Cornwallis which was on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1781, and that I have been acquainted with said Montgomery ever since until a few years since he moved to the State of Indiana and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Thomas Lovelady, L his mark

Attested November 21, 1825

[p 25: Alexander Montgomery of Floyd County Kentucky gave a supporting affidavit and in which he states that he knows the services recited by the veteran in his application were rendered by the veteran. He never states that he actually served with the veteran nor does he say what his relationship, if any, is to the veteran.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex<sup>r</sup> Montgomery". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

. Attested November 21, 1825]

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State of Indiana Montgomery County: Sct.

The Deposition of John Cowan aged 62 years taken before me P. M. Currey a Justice of the Peace in & for said County and to be read in support of the application of John Montgomery for a pension from the United States on account of services rendered the United States during the revolutionary War, and on account of his present necessities: The said John Cowan produced & by me duly sworn according to law, upon his oath deposeth & saith that he has been acquainted with this applicant John Montgomery ever since this deponent was a small boy. This Deponent has a distinct recollection and knows that this applicant John Montgomery enlisted in the service of the government of the United States, and was enlisted by one Thomas Quirk, the Recruiting Officer who paid him the said John Montgomery the bounty money, and as well as deponent recollects was in the year 1777. Deponent recollects the time of his enlistment particularly from this circumstance. That it was the year before the mother of Deponent was taken prisoner which was in 1778. That the father & family of this applicant lived near neighbors to the family of Deponent during the time of the Revolutionary War in Washington County Virginia & a great

part of the time in [words written over and indecipherable] together and Deponent knows this Applicant was absent from the time of his enlistment for many years – & that great uneasiness was expressed among his friends & neighbors for the safety of this applicant who was then very young, particularly about the time of the Battles of Whitsels Mills & Guilford court house in which he was until they heard of his safety through those engagements afterwards in. This Deponent was well acquainted with Captain James Dazy in whose company this applicant John Montgomery was enlisted to serve both in the time of the Revolution & sense, and never heard the least intimation from any source other than said Montgomery had been a faithful soldier – and Deponent was acquainted with Colonel William Campbell also of Washington County Virginia the Colonel under whom and in whose Regiment this applicant John Montgomery served, which Colonel Campbell died in the service before the close of the War. – And Deponent is now well acquainted with the character & circumstances of this applicant John Montgomery and clearly can depose that he is and has always been reputed and considered an honest, sober & orderly man & has been a useful citizen as well in private life as in filling many ordinary offices of trust and responsibility. And Deponent well knows that the circumstances of the said John Montgomery is now necessitous and needs the favor of his Country in his old age for a comfortable subsistence. And Deponent is the more clear in this because he is acquainted with the manner by which Mr. Montgomery became reduced from a good competent living to his present low circumstances which was by giving surety for others for the payment of a large sum of money who are unfaithful to their engagements and ungrateful to his goodness absconded their Country leaving this applicant the money to pay, which has stript him of his living and left him indigent in his circumstances and further saith not.

S/ John Cowan

Be it remembered that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the May term of the said Court 1833 held by the said John R Porter and Robert Mitchell Judges as aforesaid (the said Eliphalet Allen being reassigned) the said John Montgomery on this the said day being 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 in said Court and before the said Judges makes the following additional statement to wit that at the expiration of said services he obtained a written discharge and he thinks it was signed by Colonel Campbell but which discharge has long since been lost; this Affiant can't [sic, 'can' ?] further state that Milton Garrison is his nearest clergyman being about 12 miles from this applicant in the County of [same indecipherable County name] aforesaid and Michael Montgomery living about 2 miles and a half and in the neighborhood of this Applicant, and who are known to this applicant who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his character services as a soldier of the Revolution. This Affiant further states that he can prove his services by Michael Montgomery who was present when this applicant returned home and informed his parents that he enlisted and that there is no other person living by whom he can prove his services as aforesaid. This Applicant states he was born in the year 1764 and that he enlisted in the year 1779 and that he will be 69 years old next August; that he has no record of his age in his possession but that the same was recorded by his father and is now in the possession of his brother James Montgomery; when he enlisted he lived in the State of Virginia on Clinch River; after the Revolutionary War he remained in Virginia some time, thence moved to Kentucky thence to the State of Indiana Franklin County, thence to said [same indecipherable County name] County where he now resides – he cannot state the names of any other officers than those above named.

S/John Montgomery

[Milton Garrison, a clergyman, and Michael Montgomery gave the standard supporting

affidavit.]

Said Michael Montgomery further states that he was born in the year 1768 and that he is now and was from his earliest recollection up well acquainted with said John Montgomery and that during the Revolutionary War, but the precise time not recollected, said John and one of said John's brothers who is now dead informed this deponent they had enlisted for five years in the Revolutionary War under a man by the name of Duick [sic?]; that the father and mother of said John and his brother were present at the information; and his mother appeared to be much disturbed (weeping): that in a few days said John and his brother set out for the service; they were one or twice at home at their father's during said war; this deponent understood that shortly after the Guilford battle that said John participated in it; after said war was closed said John came to his father's and made about the time the same occurred that said John was placed under Captain Snoddy as stated in said John's application, and also under Captain Dasey. About the year 1826 or 1827 this deponent and one John Conner gave their depositions as to the service of said John Montgomery in the Revolutionary war in his application then made by him for a pension in which were immediately sent to the Department in the care of Colonel Blake as this deponent now thinks.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Montgomery". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[p 46: On February 16, 1839 in Peoria County Illinois, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Illinois agency stating as his reason for moving to Illinois that he is helpless and his children all married and have left him in that three of them including his youngest have moved to Illinois and he wishes to be near them for the most of his time.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to John Montgomery S33124

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 27 Oct 2020.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Illinois } Before me, a Justice of peace in and for Peoria County Illinois aforesaid  
Peoria County } personally appeared Susannah Mills of said County and state, and also  
personally well known to me, as a person of high credibility – who, being of lawful age, and first duly  
sworn according to law, doth on her Oath declare that she, Susannah Mills, alias Montgomery was the  
daughter of the late John Montgomery a pensioner of the United States on the roll of the Illinois Agency,  
who died in this, Peoria County, on the “26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845”; that one son of said John  
Montgomery was Joseph, who died about eight years old – 2<sup>dly</sup> Samuel, who died at the age of Thirty one,  
having never married, died without issue – 3<sup>dly</sup> Alexander (who married Barbara Harris and died in  
Franklin County, Indiana, leaving for heirs – 1<sup>st</sup> Elisabeth Montgomery – 2<sup>dly</sup> Susanna dead – 3<sup>dly</sup>  
Nathaniel – 4<sup>thly</sup> John – 5<sup>thly</sup> Samuel Walker – 6<sup>th</sup> William – 7<sup>thly</sup> Jane – 8<sup>thly</sup> Margaret) – 4<sup>thly</sup> Jane Poplett  
alias Montgomery who died 3 years ago last Autumn in Knox County in this State (leaving children –  
Elisabeth, Sarah, James, John, Margaret, and Martha Poplett) – 5<sup>th</sup> John Montgomery – 6<sup>th</sup> Anna Watson  
alias Montgomery – 7<sup>thly</sup> Martha Allen alias Montgomery – 8<sup>thly</sup> Margaret Engleton[?] – 9<sup>thly</sup> Sarah  
Magennis – and 10<sup>thly</sup> and lastly Elisabeth Montgomery alias Harris widow of the deceased pensioner,  
and mother of this deponent – that this deponent knoweth not the services, nor the names of her late  
father’s officers except Col. (perhaps William) Campbell but deponent will have to refer to the proofs  
already adduced by her late father to obtain a pension. And deponent further sayeth that he the said John  
Montgomery uniformly declared that neither he nor any other person claiming under, or through him, did  
ever receive any lands for his services from the state of Virginia or from the United States – and further  
deponent sayeth not. Sworn, and subscribed before me on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1845

Justice of peace for Peoria County, Illinois

Susannah herXmark Mills

Jonathan K. Cooper/ Justice of the Peace

Witness James Mills

[Followed by a power of attorney to John Boyle as agent.]