

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert McIntire S5743

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State of Virginia } SS.  
County of Brooke }

On this thirtieth day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justice of the Court of Brooke County, now sitting, Robert McIntire, resident in the said County and State, aged Seventy one years past, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was enrolled in the Militia at the age of sixteen years, by Captain Josiah Springer [probably Uriah Springer], in what was then called Youghaganey [sic: Yohogania] County, Virginia, and now Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania. That in the month of June (day of the month not recollected) in the year 1778 he was drafted, and served on month militia duty under the command of Lieutenant Martin, at what was then called "Redstone old fort" (now Brownsville) on the Mongahala [sic: Monongahela] river, to guard the public stores deposited there; these stores consisted of Powder, Lead, flour, salt, &c. that were brought over the mountains on Pack horses, for the use of the troops then at Fort Pitt, under the command of Col. John Gibson. They were brought to Redstone by Braddocks trail, because the road from Bedford to Fort Pitt was considered unsafe on account of Indians.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781, declarant entered as a volunteer to serve on an expedition against the Shawnese towns, under the command of General George Roger Clark [George Rogers Clark] - (declarant continuing to reside in what was then called Youghegeny County, Va.) the company he belonged to was commanded by Captain Stewart, the Major of the Regiment was Creacraft [sic: Charles Craycroft], the Lieut. Colonel, John Harden, and the Colonel, Sackwell Morgan [Zackquil Morgan] (proprietor of Morgantown). The other Officers of the Regiment that declarant recollects, were, Captains Robert Ferril, George Jackson, Benjamin Whaley, Jeremiah Johnson, Michael Cat [Michael Catt], & \_\_\_ Bruce; Lieutenant James Paull (father of Col. George Paul of the late army) and Adjutant John Mohon. Col. Crocket's [sic: Joseph Crockett's] Regiment of the continental line (two years men, as declarant understood) and Major George Wall [sic: George Walls] belonged to Gen'l. Clark's corps. Bazaleel Prather was Brigade Major and Major Crittenden acted as Aid de camp. The Troops started from the mouth of Chartiers creek on the Ohio river, two miles below Fort Pitt, some by water and others by land, about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July following, and arrived at Wheeling fort, where they were joined by other troops, that made the whole strength, as declarant understood, Two thousand men. They embarked in boats at Wheeling. Col. Laughery [Archibald Lochry] had not arrived at Wheeling with his command, when Genl. Clark started, but was hourly expected; proceeding down the river, Genl. Clark at one of the Islands in the long reach, and above the mouth of the Muskingum river, left Major Creacraft with a boat containing provisions and eighteen men to accompany Col. Laughery, when he would be descending the river, to join Genl. Clark. Neither Col. Laughery nor Major Creacraft came up with Genl. Clark. [See endnote.] Was informed that Col. Laughery and his men stopped to cook breakfast; when they were surprised and fired upon by Indians [2 mi below present Aurora IN, 24 Aug 1781] - Laughery and some of his men were killed, and all the survivors, were made prisoners. The place where they were surprised, is yet called Laughery's creek. Genl. Clark proceeded to Louisville, where his men were detained three or four months, waiting to be joined by troops from Kentucky, when some officers arrived, and finding that a sufficient number of men could not be raised, the enterprise was abandoned. The voluntier militia under Col. Morgan were then marched home - their route was generally through the wilderness, and on the east side of the Ohio river. The return march occupied about two months, and the declarant arrived at home (in Fayette County, Penna.) on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1782, having been in service, on this expedition six months, lacking one week.

Declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services, having

never received a written discharge, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. In the above declaration, the names of George Jackson (some time ago a member of congress from Virginia) and James Paul are mentioned as Officers, who served at the same time with declarant. He is informed that the former gentleman, a number of years ago, removed to the state of Ohio, and he does not now know that either of them are at present alive.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Robert McIntire

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Robert McIntire, - Alleges to have served 6 mo. & 23 days in Va. Militia under Col. Morgan. So says the abstract for Brooke Cty.

I the undersigned Robert McIntire, at the request of the Secretary of War, make the following Re Declaration of my Revolutionary services to Wit.

I was born June 17, 1761. am a native of Frederick County Maryland. I have lived in this country for fifty years or upwards.

In the year 1778 I served one month under Lieuft Martin at the Red Stone Old Fort - guarding the Military Stores. I was drafted for this service - the Lieuftenant commanded the station. he had generally about twenty men. the stores was Deposited there for the Troops at Pittsburg -

On the sixteenth of July 1781 I volunteered for the campaign (it was then said) against the Shawnee Indians. our company Rendezvoused at the mouth of Shirtee [Chartiers Creek] and marched from there under Capt. Edward Stewart & Ensign ODaniel to Louisville Kentucky there were several companies in this expedition, all under the command of Col Zackquill Morgan of Morgan Town Monongalia Cty - We went down the Ohio River in Boats from Pittsburg to Louisville - we remained at the latter place I think for some three or four months - the Regt. was discharged & disbanded at Louisville about the last of October on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of October and before my fellow soldiers were discharged as before stated - I being sick. was permitted by my Captain to leave the army and go into the country. I went to Bar Grass and lay there with one Hoglin for a while - I got better & returned home on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1782. - I am shure that I return home [illegible word] indeffinate time - and although I left the army as before stated on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, and although the whole of the army (my fellow soldiers) was discharged on the last of October or first of Nov. 1781 I nevertheless considered myself in service until I got home to Wit on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Jany 1782 as before stated. - this was called Clarks expedition he commanded in person - the forgoing contains all the service I done in the war of the Revo. - Capt McLuney wrote my Declaration - I told him I was in service in Clarks expedition six months minus seven days

In witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name July 9, 1835 Robert McIntire  
Witness W. McLuney a copy. W. G Singleton

Fraud note this man served for 4 months & 16 days - and is therefore clearly not entitled.  
W G Singleton

NOTE: According to William Wilson (S7907), Craycroft was captured 6 mi below Wheeling.