

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Minter S9027

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State of Ohio, Delaware County SS}

Be it remembered that on the twenty first day of November in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in this and said County of Delaware and the State of Ohio, now in session, John Minter, a resident of Radnor Township in the said county, aged seventy seven 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 7, 1832.

I the said, John Minter on my said oath State that I entered into the service of the United States and served therein as herein states to wit:

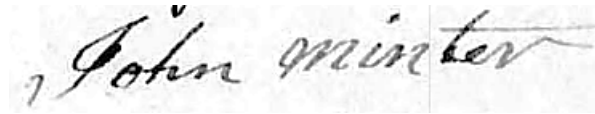
I was born in the year of 1755 in Culpepper County in Virginia. About the year 1770 I removed to a place near Connolsville [Connellsville] (now forty miles from Pittsburgh) then in Westmoreland County [now Fayette County PA], Pennsylvania and resided there during the revolution. During the revolutionary war I served as a Captain of a company of militia in that part of the country. I am now aged and my memory has become very treacherous. I recollect that I had been duly conscripted, but I cannot tell at present from what authority I received it, whether from Congress, the State of Pennsylvania, or the State of Virginia but I suppose from the circumstances of the State of Virginia, claiming jurisdiction over the west part of Pennsylvania, that I received it from Virginia. Soon after the commencement of the revolutionary war, Gen. Hand [Edward Hand], Commander at Pittsburgh and he conducted an expedition to the west of there. He had some regular troops with him, but mostly volunteers. I went with my company with Gen. Hand. I do not recollect the precise number of troops, but I about suppose there were as many as 3 or 400 hundred men. We marched to the west against the Indians. We march as far as the Cuyahoga River, and to a place within 30 miles of the place where Cleveland now stands. We surprised the Indians generally and therefore had no skirmishes with them. I saw during the expedition 15 Indians killed. From the Cuyahoga river we returned to Pittsburgh, after being absent five or six weeks. After that I went with some of my men with Gen. Hand in an expedition against some Tories near the Laurel Hill to a place called Beavertown now called Uniontown. We took the leader of the Tories there by the name of McCarty. I was in the service this time only a week or two. Some time after this I went again into the service with my company in the expedition of Genl. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. First to the mouth of the Big Beaver river where we built a fort [Fort McIntosh]. And were there some time. We then went to the Tuscarawas river where we built another fort [Fort Laurens]. I was in the service this time the greater part of the summer and before I was discharged there was a considerable snow of the ground. I do not recollect the length of time I served this time but I believe it was four or five months at least. I have long since lost my commission with names or papers. I have no

documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services. After the Revolution I moved from Pennsylvania to Harrison County Kentucky where I spent upwards of twenty years. About the year 1808 I removed from there to Delaware County where I now reside.

I hereby relinquish all claims whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn and subscribed to this day and year aforesaid

S/ John Minter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Minter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

We, Wm C. Watson of Radnor [sic] Township and Moses Byxlee of Delaware Township in said county residing in the neighborhood of the above named John Minter hereby attest that we are well acquainted with the said John Minter who has signed and sworn to the above declaration. That we believe him to be seventy seven years of age. That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed to this day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm. Watson

S/ Moses Byxbe

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The State of Ohio Delaware County SS }

The amended declaration of John Minter a resident of Radnor Township in the County of Delaware and an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7, 1832, whose original declaration was made on the 21st day of November 1832 before the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Delaware then in Session –

Personally appeared before me Ezra Griswold one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Delaware the above named Captain John Minter who being duly sworn upon his oath his said oath saith that he has no other record of his age than an entry in his family Bible which was made by himself from time to time as they were worn out or occasion required it from the best information he had received from his parents, which is the same date as stated in his former declaration. His parents also always informed him that he was born the same year that General Braddock was defeated near Pittsburgh then Fort DuQueen, which was in the year 1755.

He states that being an officer he never received any written discharge from the service: and he has long since lost his commission and all other papers relative to his service as stated in his former declaration.

He further states that he is now aged & infirm and that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the particulars of his service nor the precise date at which such service was rendered; but it must have been between the year 1776 and 1780. He finds that history states that General Macintosh's expedition went from Pittsburgh in the year 1778 which he verily believes was the year he served as a Captain under General Macintosh as stated in his former declaration. The other two tours of service he rendered particularly the one under General Hand was a year or two before that of McIntosh, but he cannot state the precise time. He further states that he cannot nor are [??] positive as to the precise length of his service but to the best of his recollection & belief he served in the manner stated in his declaration as Captain of a Company of militia regularly called and ordered out into the service of the United States in the war of the revolution not less than six months, which was spent in actual service and

no part of which was spent in any civil employment and for which he claims a pension.

He further states that it was not convenient at the time of obtaining his former Certificates & declaration to procure the certificate of a clergyman on account of their absence from home, but in addition to the names of the persons who gave their certificate attached to his said declaration he would mentioned the names of the Reverend Mr. McIlroy, Rev. Mr. Vanderman, and also Joseph N. Cox Esquire and Colonel John Dunlap, William Wasson [?] and others who are residents of the said County and in his vicinity a neighborhood who can testify as to his character for truth and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn & subscribed to

S/ John Minter

[John F Dunlap gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Henry Vanderman, a clergyman, also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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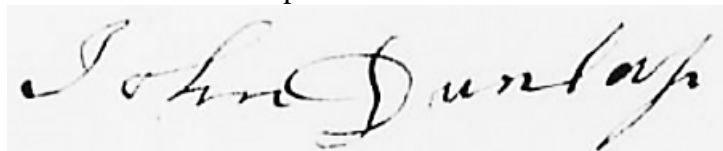
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Washington County SS

Before me David Miller one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County personally came John Dunlap Senior and being duly sworn saith that sometime during the Revolutionary War (the precise year he does not recollect) he this deponent with others of the militia of Washington County was called upon to go out in defense of the Country that, he (deponent) went to McIntosh (now Beaver Town) under Captain Thomas Baize that there Captain Baize left his company and returned home that, he, deponent, with a number of others of said Company joined a company then making up by Captain John Minter at McIntosh that deponent served under said Captain Minter during the whole campaign, the precise length of time deponent does not exactly recollect, but thinks upward of 4 months, Captain Minter was under the command of General McIntosh during said campaign, deponent understood at the time, that said Minter held a commission as Captain for the Militia of Pennsylvania & never since heard it disputed & further saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 20th day of January A.D. 1834

S/ D. Miller

S/ John Dunlap

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Dunlap". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of Ohio Champaign County (Sct.)

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, John Dawson [S8296] aged eighty-six years, and made oath in due form of law that he resided in the County of Westmoreland and State of Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary war; that in the spring of the year, he thinks the year 1778 he was regularly drafted to go a campaign against the Indians, under General McIntosh: That about the first of June in that year, but the precise day cannot say he entered the service as a private soldier in the company of Captain John Minter. He marched first to Pittsburgh, thence to the mouth of big Beaver where the Army built a Fort called Fort McIntosh, Colonel Crawford commanded the Army at Fort McIntosh until the arrival of General Macintosh who took the command, and after the fort was completed and they had remained there about two months (perhaps not quite so long) they were marched by General McIntosh to the Susquehanna River in what is now the State of Ohio. Upon their arrival the Indians fled, so that they were not engaged in any battle during the campaign. They built a Fort at Tuscarawas and remained there through the season, and were marched back to Fort McIntosh

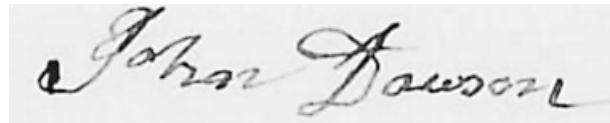
and discharged, about the last of December or first of January after entering the service. Deponent cannot by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory swear positively how long he served in the aforesaid campaign under Captain Minter, but according to the best of his recollection he was drafted for six months and served some more than that length of time but how much more he cannot recollect.

This deponent further swears that the said John Minter is now a resident of Delaware County in the State of Ohio, and that said John Minter is now in the presence of this deponent and deponent knows him to be the same person under whom deponent served as aforesaid. The said John Minter was Captain of the company to which deponent belonged, and that he commanded the company from the time they left home in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania as aforesaid until they were finally discharged at Fort McIntosh as aforesaid. That said John Minter was a good soldier and served his whole term as before stated, which term exceeded six months, but how much it exceeded six months deponent does not recollect.

Deponent thinks said Minter is now about seventy-eight years of age – He called at deponent's house where he now lives about twenty years ago or more: and deponent can say from his own knowledge of said John Minter and from the information of others that he is a man of truth and of general good moral character.

This deposition is made to be used on this application of said John Minter for a pension

S/ John Dawson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dawson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Captain in the Pennsylvania militia.]