

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Cottrill W4165

Nancy Cottrill VA

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The State of Ohio Brown County Court of Common Pleas July Term 1833 SS

On this 22nd day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Brown and state of Ohio now sitting Thomas Cotterill a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged eighty three 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 in the month of August 1774 [before the Revolutionary War] in what was called Dunmore's Campaign he entered the service of his country as a volunteer at Shenandoah river in the state of Virginia under Captain Bowman, Major [William] Crawford and Colonel M Daniel [McDaniel] he was engaged and served a tour of four months and ten days and was encamped at Camp Charlotte, at Waughpaughtomaka and at Becketts Fort, he was engaged the whole time against the indians with whom they had many skirmishes and a very warm battle at Waughpaughtomaka at the end of this tour deponent was discharged and went home. During the year 1775 in the months of June and July deponent states that he served a tour of six weeks as a spy against the indians between Pittsburgh and the catanyan river where he had several sharp conflicts with the indians on the tour he was under the command of Capt. Rumagee no higher officer being present.

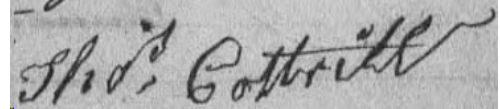
In the spring of 1777, deponent cannot state the month but knows it was in the spring season he served one month as a volunteer against the indians at Minteurs bottom [sic: Montours Bottom at present Coraopolis PA] on the Ohio river the officers were Captain Ellis, Lieutenant Hardin and Ensign Deckart – he was out on this tour a month fighting the indians at the bottom In the year 1778 deponent served three months against the indians as a volunteer as follows to wit he served during the month of August under Captain Davidson at Mingo bottom one month namely October under Captain Norris at the mouth of Big Beaver and the month of November at Yellow creek and Redstone [at present Brownsville PA] under Captain Ratan during this service he had warm times with the indians but no decided battle

In 1779 served as a volunteer against the indians on the little Sciota river [sic: Little Scioto River] there were four hundred men under the command of colonels Hall and our deponent was out this tour six weeks and was an orderly sergeant in his company Captains Griffith, Byrd, and Miller were along they had hard times, on this tour deponent was three days without a mouthful to eat it was in the months of June and July at the end of said tour he went home

In the year 1780 and month of July he was stationed as guard near Pittsburgh under the command of Captain Johnson and served one month

In the year 1781 deponent was out the whole of the year under Captain Johnson Colonel Crawford and General M'Intosh [Lachlan McIntosh] he was attached to a body called "indian spys and frontier rangers" and held the office and performed the duties of orderly Sargent in his company during the whole year; he was marched to Guyan to Big Beaver, to indian creek to wheeling and thence into the interior he was engaged in skirmishes with the indians on Fishing creek. the country at that time was new and whites but thinley settled deponent cannot remember the names of all the creeks rivers Bottoms and indian town where was marched during this year tho most of the year was spent in guarding the country lying between Pittsburgh and Wheeling and on the head waters of the Ohio river and many of the places where was marched had no names at the end of the year deponent was discharged at Pittsburgh by General [Edward] Hand under whose command deponent served. part of the year deponent never received a commission or a written discharge – he has no record of his age but states that he was born in Shenandoah County [Dunmore County until 1778] Virginia July 16th 1750 he has lived in Brown County Ohio about five years that previous thereto he lived in Nicholas County Kentucky 38 years he knew Capts. Bowman, Rumagee Ellis Davison, Cols Crawford, Cir [Cyr] and Hall, Major McDaniel, Gens M'Intosh, Hand, and "Old Mad

Anthony” as he calls Gen. Wayne he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services but is well known to John Fight [John Fite] Isaac Ambrose and Jacob Fight [Jacob Fite] and others residents of his present neighborhood who have known him both in Kentucky and in this state by whom he can prove his good character for truth and veracity and his reputation as a soldier of the revolution – there is no clergyman in his neighborhood to testify for him he nev received a pension and 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. Cottrill". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: On 5 Oct 1839 Nancy Cottrill, age 81 or 82, born on 6 Jan in Somerset County NJ, applied for a pension stating that on 14 May 1775 she was married by Parson Hogg in Redstone Settlement to Thomas Cottrill, who died 27 March 1836. She stated that they had 12 children, the oldest being Elizabeth Harney, who was born about 18 months after the marriage and would have been about 62 if still living. She stated that their youngest child was “Mille Fight” (Millie Fite), about 42, wife of John W Fite. She stated that they lived in Redstone settlement about 11 or 12 years, then moved to Bourbon County KY for several years, then moved to Nicholas County KY for several years, then moved to Brown County about 12 or 13 years previously.