Your Memorialist respectfully represents to your Excellency that his late great grandfather was a Major in the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the United States as early as the month of May 1776 and at or near that time descended the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in company with Captain George Gibson being sent by Virginia to that place [presumably New Orleans] to procure and supply munitions of war – that in the spring of the following year he returned by the same route in command of the men and craft (Captain Gibson going from New Orleans to Virginia by sea) and that his said great-grandfather was then recognized by Virginia as Major and paid fifty pounds extra as a complement for his distinguished services – that his said great-grandfather continued in service was with Colonel George Rogers Clark at the taking of the forts North West of the Ohio River in 1778 and 1779 and afterwards commanded at Linn's Station a few miles from the falls of the Ohio, and was killed by the Indians in the year 1781 while passing from said station to the falls of the Ohio. He dying intestate but leaving a son named William who has since died and he leaving a son William who has since [words written through and illegible] and he leaving your Memorialist Wm Jo Linn, Joseph J. Linn, H. D. Linn, Isabella Ann Linn

Your memorialist is induced to believe that [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Acknowledged March 29, 1847 in Fayette County Illinois
Alton May 6th 1848

Dear Madam

It fills me with profound regret that it is not in my power to give you any information upon the subject of your inquiries.

Colonel Linn was killed by the Indians some years before I was born (But I have often heard my father speak of him saying that, without his efficient aid, General Clark never would have achieved his import conquests in the Illinois Country in the year 1778 – 9 & 80. I have no [indecipherable word]1 doubt that he was one of General Clark's officers than that General Taylor is a Major General in the Army of the United States)

Very Respectfully I am

Dear Madam

your obedient servant

S/ Nathl Pope [Nathaniel Pope]

[addressed to Ms. Polly-Anne Duncan Linn, Jefferson City, Missouri]