

Henry Dorton

State of Virginia; County of Monongalia; S. 5362. On this 21st day of Nov. 1832 personally appeared Henry Dorton, a resident of said county, aged 84 years, to make declaration to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.

He was drafted in the fall of 1777 at Redstone Settlement near Brownsville, Pa. in a company of militia commanded by **Capt. Foard**, and immediately marched to Fort Pitt where Foard's company was placed under the command of **Col. John Gibson** at Virginia, who believes was a regular officer—that while at Fort Pitt he was transferred to a company that was not full, from the South Branch of the Potomac River commanded by Capt. Foreman—that Foreman was soon ordered to a fort at Grave Creek on the Ohio River twelve miles below Wheeling—upon arriving there we found the fort burnt and we commenced a march back to Wheeling along the bank of the river. In the narrows of Grave Creek we were attacked.

Sometime during the month of July, he believes, in the year 1778, he was again drafted for a six month tour at Red Stone in Capt. Foards company and immediately marched to Fort Pitt, where Col. Gibson commanded the regiment and **Genl. Hand** the troops. That soon after General McIntosh arrived at Fort Pitt, the troops descended the Ohio to near the mouth of Big Beaver Creek, near to which we built a fort [Ft. McIntosh], that some time after the troops were ordered all but a few left at Fort McIntosh to march to the Tuscararra [sic], a branch of the Muskingum, where we built Fort Lawrence [Laurens]—that from Fort Lawrence, we marched back to Fort McIntosh, and thence to Pittsburgh where he was discharged a week before Christmas by a written discharge signed by Capt. Foard, which he has lost.

That from the western country, he removed back to the place of his birth, and in the month of May, 1781, he was again drafted near Bladensburg in Maryland

He was born in 1748 near Bladensburg, Maryland and resided in Prince George's Co. Md. About 9 years after the Revolution and then removed to this county where he has lived ever since. He recollects **Capt. David Scott**, a regular officer of the 13th Continental Virginia stationed at Ft. Pitt, as well as **Lieut. Dent** of the same regiment—that he has known for many years the **Rev. Joseph A. Shakelford, Thomas S. Haymond, Esqr. Matthew Gray, Col. Samuel Hanery**, residents of said county, who he believes can certify as to his character, veracity and belief of his service.

/s/ Henry Dorton, X his mark

signed before Thomas P. Ray, Clerk of the County Court of Monongalia

Certificate issued for \$40.00 on 10 May, 1833, and reduced to \$28.00 per annum on 4 May, 1835.

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