

Capt. John Minter

MINTER, Capt. John

State of Ohio
Delaware County

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, age 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 oath 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 Connollville (now forty miles from Pittsburgh) then in Westmoreland County, 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 trecherous. I recollect that I had been duly conscripted, but I cannot tell at present from what authority I received it, wheter 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, 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. 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 annuiyt 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

We, Wm C. Watson of Radnor [sic] Township and Moses Bixler 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

Wm. Watson
Moses Buxbe

Pension application number: S-9027. Capt. John Minter of the Yohogania County, VA militia was born in 1755 in Culpepper County, Va., and died 1 June 1835 in Radnor, Delaware Co., Ohio. He married Elizabeth CRAWFORD about 1776 in Shepherdstown, Va., daughter of Valentine Crawford and Sarah ?. John and Elizabeth had six children: Sarah Crawford MINTER, William Minter, John Minter, Jr., Valentine Minter, Mary MINTER, and Elizabeth MINTER.