

Richard Sargent

State of Pennsylvania

Green County

On this eleventh day of September, 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Judge or Justices of the Court Common Pleas of Green County now sitting, Richard Sargent, a resident of Morris Township in Washington County in the state of Pennsylvania, aged seventy two years, who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following statement of declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress, proposed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered in the year 1778, thinks about the first of Sept. of that year in what is termed McIntosh' Campaign, he joined Capt. James Brunton's [James Brenton/Brintin] Company at Washington in Washington County, Penna. From whence he marched to (Mentine's?) Lake below Pittsburg where he joined McIntosh' Army where he remained about a week, from thence he was marched to the mouth of the big Beaver where entered a fort which is call Fort McIntosh. His company was joined to a regiment commanded by Col. John Evans. After staying some time at Big Beaver, part of the forces including his company and regiment was marched to Tuscaroaring [Tuscarawas] river where another fort was entered called Fort Laurens. We remained here some time. When we got starved out we were marched back to Fort McIntosh where my company was discharged. I volunteered to serve six months until sworn discharged. I cannot tell exactly when I was discharged but I know I was four months and nineteen days in this campaign. I received no written discharge. There were two regiments of Continental troops in this campaign. Viz. the 8th Penna Regiment commanded by Col. Broadhead & the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Gibson. I also knew captain Bell of the Virginia Regiment, Col. Crawford, Col. Morrow of Virginia, Col. Baker and Col.----of the Militia.

I also served a tour as a volunteer of six months under Captain George Myers, of Washington County, in guarding the frontier against the Indians. We were stationed for five months of this term at Lindley Fort on Ten Mile Creek in Washington County. The company was raised under the authority of Col. Daniel McFarland the County Lieutenant. The last month of this tour was served at Jackson's Fort in now Green County Penna under Lieut. Nailor. Whether I was with others ordered by Capt. Myers I cannot tell what year this took place but think it was the year after I returned from McIntosh' Campaign. This was a tour of arduous duty. We were constantly employed in scouring the country often and guarding the settlements against the incursions of the savages. I received no discharge from my captain from this tour. I also served a tour of one month under Sergeant John Lindley in scouting after the Indians on the waters of Ten Mile in Washington County. I cannot say any thing about the Country through which we marched in McIntosh' Campaign. The country has (three rivers?) & is called the Indian Country. While stationed at Lindley Fort we watched the streams of Ten Mile, Wheeling and Buffalo in now Washington and Greene Counties.

I was born in Cran County, Ireland on Christmas, 1760. Was eight years old when brought to America, lived some time in Baltimore County, Maryland. Came to where I now live in the fall before Dunsmore's War. He truly relinquishes any Claims being Claims to a pension except those present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any other state. He names the following persons in his neighborhood to whom he is known who can testify to his character for his honesty and those knowing of his service as a soldier of the Revolution. Viz. Samuel England, James Templeton, James Reed, Rev. Jacob Lindley and James Carroll.

Sworn & subscribed September 11th 1832 in open Court

RICHARD SARGANT

Attest

Wm. J. Hays

James Leaks Esq. being duly sworn on his oath doth say that he is well acquainted with Richard Sargant who has signed the written declaration. That he well knows he served in McIntosh' Campaign as stated in this written declaration, as he served in the same Company and Regiment with this deponent. That he truly believes he served in the Indian wars as further stated in said declaration.

James Leaks

Sworn & subscribed in open

Court, Sept. 11th 1832

Attest

Wm.J. Hays

And the said Court do truly declare their opinion after the investigations of the matter and after...the interrogations...by the main deponent and it further appears to them that James Leaks whose name is signed to the above affixant is a man of credit and whose statement is reliable to the fullest extent.

//J. William J. Hays, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Greene County, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in matter of the application of Richard Sargeant for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and said of Office this 11th day of September 1832

Wm.J.Hays

Richard Sargant's pension, number S-23889, was approved on 16 March 1833. He died 31 October 1834. Sargant's transcribed pension application was sent the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation. Colburn, Katherine. "RE: Soldiers" E-mail to the Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation. 29 July 2002 and 12 May 2005.