

Henry, Pvt. MALLOW

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State of Virginia

Pendleton County

On the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Pendleton now sitting Henry Mallow a resident of said county in the state of Virginia aged 73 years and nine months 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 Jun 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as is herein stated,

He was born according to the best information he has ever obtained somewhere on the Mississippi River in the year 1759, his mother having been taken prisoner by the Indians & by them sold to the French and in whose possession she was at the time of his birth. He entered the Service as a volunteer to serve as a private for six months in a company raised and commanded by Captain Robert Cravens of the county of (Pendleton scratched out) Rockingham on or about the 1st of April 1778 and was marched immediately thereafter to Tygarts Valley under Captain Cravens where he was stationed and served about three months in guarding the settlements in the neighbourhood of the place where the town of Beverly in Randolph County now stands.

At the expiration of that time, Capt. Cravens company was sent home and ordered to clothe and equip themselves preparatory to their being sent to join the troops under General McIntosh who was then about to be sent on an expedition against the North Western Indians and the British fort at Detroit. He remained at home about two weeks, engaged in preparing for McIntosh's Campaign and was marched again early in the month of July, 1778 under Capt. Robert Cravens, Lieutenant William Herrin and Ensign George Mallow. Col. Benjamin Harrison and Major William Old also accompanied and commanded the Regmt or Battalion to which his company was attached. They were marched from the South Branch [of the] Potomac, to a place near the Maryland Line, where they were joined by a regiment or Battalion of Militia of Hampshire and perhaps adjoining Counties under the command of Col. Van metre. From there the two Regiments or Battalions crossed the Allegany Mountains and at the Monongahela River near Pittsburg they were joined by and placed under the command of Colonel Campbell or Gamble, who he believes was an officer in the Regular Service as he sometimes wore a Red Coat. From thence they were marched to the Ohio River, which they crossed at the mouth of Big Beaver and on the opposite shore, they joined the force under General McIntosh the commander in chief of the expedition. At this place he assisted to build Fort McIntosh and when, in about three weeks the fortifications were nearly completed, a Garrison was left there under the command of Col. Campbell and the remainder of the Troops were marched to the Tuscarawas River, a short distance above its junction with the Muskingum. Here they erected another Fort called for Lawrence. After it was completed and a garrison stationed there the winter coming on and their provisions being nearly exhausted, it would seem the expedition against Detroit was abandoned. The troops were marched back to Fort McIntosh where the company of volunteers under Copt. Cravens was discharged sometime in December 1778. He (Mallow) having served during the whole of the above described expedition: He, together with the balance of his company, immediately set out on their return home and reached his place of residence

sometime early in the month of January 1779, having faithfully served in all at least seven, or perhaps, nine months, during the time he was stationed at Tygarts Valley, the expedition across the Ohio under General McIntosh and during which time he suffered almost incredible fatigue and hardships in consequence of want of provisions, wading waters and making his way home in the depth of winter from Fort McIntosh on the Ohio to his residence in Rockingham, Va. through an almost uninhabited wilderness. He cannot now remember the names of any of the Regular officers with whom he served except Genl. McIntosh and Cols. Campbell and Crawford. He believes those officers were Regulars but the name of their regiments he does not recollect, nor does he know whether they were State Troops or Continentals but he believes they were of the latter description. It was said that General McIntosh had about 500 regulars with him and that the United Regular and Militia forces amounted 2220 men when they rendezvoused at the place where Fort McIntosh was erected. He has no documentary evidence of his service never having received a written or [?] discharge from his officers, but having been verbally dismissed. He however believes that he will be able to prove his service by the Oath of Henry Huffman a resident of this County who served with him during the whole service of his term of seven, or perhaps, nine months. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension rolls of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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Henry Mallow's pension application number for the Commonwealth of Virginia was Va. No. 4123 and his federal pension application number was S-45892. His federal pension was granted on January 11, 1833.

Henry Mallow was born 18 November 1758 somewhere along the Mississippi River in the Indian Territory. He died 12 September 1834 on Mill Run, Pendleton County, now, West Virginia. He is buried in Mt. Hope (formerly Mallo's) Lutheran Church cemetery, near Kline, Pendleton Co., WV. George Mallow, first cousin of Henry, was also on the march to Fort Laurens. Both men were the grandsons of Hans Dieboldt Mallo and wife Anna Catharina VOLTZ who lived and died in Griesbach, Alsace. Henry's father was Johann Michael Mallo who immigrated on the Ship Phoenix in 1749 and George's father was Johann George Mallo who immigrated on the same ship in 1750. Both men moved to what was then Augusta County, VA and raised their families there.

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