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Virginia

Walter Cunningham

of Harrison in the State of Va

who was a Private in the Company commanded
by Captain Scott of the Regt commanded
by _____ in the Va

line for 6 months from 1776

Date of death not on AB

Inscribed on the Roll of Virginia
at the rate of 20 Dollars — Cents per annum
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2 day of Feby.
1833 and Leah Scott f.
Johnson, House of Reps

Arrears to 4th of Sept 1832 00
Semi-ant. allowance ending 1st Mar: 33 10

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{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Nathan Rice Clerk.

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~~WHEREAS~~ in the case of *Walter Cunningham of Harrison*
of *County* — in the State of *Virginia* —
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge?

Before a Court

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he?

83 years -

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.	As a	Genl
In 1776	—	3	—	no grade	Capt David Scott -
1777 fall	—	3	—	mentioned	Capt Michael Rador

5. In what battles was he engaged?

was in no battle

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service?

County of Shenandoah -

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the ~~same~~?

by 2 living witnesses, traditionary evidence & Documentary proof

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

They appear correct (except testimony of witnesses)

I **certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Jamy Ord —

Examining Clerk.

Walter Cunningham has drawn \$20 -

July 12, 1834, Wm Cunningham made
the following statement of his age and services as
a Soldier in the war of the Revolution - born and bred in
the County of Shenandoah until the year 1776. in the
fall of that year he came across the Allegany
Mountains to his Mother's in Benjamin creek near
Harrison City. Capt. Daniel Scott was then Enlisting
Men for Service - he enlisted under Scott for three
months - and camped on the west side of Benjamin &
Fishing creeks and through the lower part of Harrison
County as at present bounded. - he was out all the time
ranging and scouting until his term expired which
was on the 7th day of February, 1777. Having nothing about
the authority under which Scott acted, nor did he
know whether he was commissioned as Captain by the State
or by the army, he got his discharge at a later time
and in the fall, volunteered under Capt. W. Helder
to go against the Shawnee towns on the Ohio River,
marched to W. Mchata and found there a few more
comrades - (Thomas Buck, John Anderson, & two
Helders were captains of the other companies) marched
from W. Mchata to Fort Pitt. then found Gen. Stanor
army went down to Fort Mifflin, remained there
several weeks. - the companies returned to Pitt. after he
got back his 3 months expired got his discharge from
Capt. Helder and went home, - he gave me discharge
to Colonel Helder. Appting born term with him the
first term - found his last term by Adam Cunningham

Note - the Service details in the first term, must have
been irregular and unauthorized - it was a neglectful
matter - as by the second term, it is probable that men
could have been drafted in Shenandoah County for three months
for Service on the Ohio River, in the State of the County
and would it would have taken an army three months to
march from Thomas creek City across the Allegany Mountains
to the Ohio River. W. Cunningham
Nov 18, 1834

Virginia

Harrison County

On the 21st day of August in the Year 1882

Personally appeared in open court before the justices of said county of Harrison in court now sitting
Walter Cunningham a resident of Simpson Creek Harrison county aged 83 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. 1882

That in the Year 1776 he resided in the county of Shenandoah State of Va. That in the summer of the aforesaid year he visited the county of Monongalia in said State, that when there he enlisted in a ~~company~~ of Rangers under the command of Capt David Scott. That he was employed in reconnoitering the country between the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers that while thus engaged the company was frequently successful in discovering the approach of Indians and in conveying intelligence to the forts and settlements, so as to apprise and guard them against danger.

That he was discharged at the termination of three months the discharge is here with enclosed

In the fall of 1777 after having returned home to Shenandoah he enlisted under Capt Michael Rader marched to fort Pitt was attached to a regiment commanded by General Hand from thence he descended the Ohio river to Wheeling where he was discharged after having served three months. He was never directly engaged in any battle during his continuance in said service.

That he has no documentary evidence except the accompanying discharge signed by lieutenant John Mahon, that he knows of no living witnesses except his brother Adam Cunningham whose affidavit is here with subjoined
That he removed from Shenandoah to Harrison where he now resides many years ago.

That he is acquainted with John Wilder David Davison William A. Harrison John J. Allen and various other persons in the neighborhood where he resides to whom reference may be had.

That he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
Sworn and subscribed to this day of August 1832
Walter Cunningham

The Hamilton Gals a clergyman in the county of Harrison and State of Virginia and ^{Joseph J. Minters} ~~George D. Davenport~~ do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Walter Cunningham who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 83 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year above
resaid.

Hamilton Gals.
J. J. Minters

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of this matter and after putting

December 7, 1837

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Mrs. Henry D. W. Morris
50 Grampian Way
Boston 25, Uphams Corner Station
Massachusetts

WALTER CUNNINGHAM
S. 9233
BA-3/MLB

Dear Madam:

You are furnished herein the record of Walter Cunningham as found in pension claim, S. 9233, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Walter Cunningham was born in December, 1749, in Shenandoah County, Virginia. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Shenandoah County, Virginia, in the summer of 1776, he went to visit in Monongalia County, his brother, and while there enlisted and served three months as a private in Captain David Scott's company of Virginia rangers engaged in scouting and guarding the country against the Indians and was discharged February 1, 1777, then returned to his home in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He volunteered in the fall of 1777 to go against the Shawnee towns on the Ohio River, and served three months as private in Captain Michael Rader's Virginia company, marched to Fort Pitt where he was attached to a regiment commanded by General Hand, descended the Ohio River to Wheeling where he was discharged.

After the war, the soldier moved from Shenandoah County to Harrison County, Virginia, where he was residing when he was allowed pension on his application executed August 21, 1832, his exact place of residence being Simpson Creek, in that county.

No reference was made in the claim to wife or children of Walter Cunningham.

In 1832, the soldier referred to his brother, Adam Cunningham, but did not give his place of residence or any other details concerning him. It is not shown whether Adam Cunningham was the brother Walter Cunningham visited in 1776 in Monongalia County, Virginia.

In order to obtain date of last payment of pension, the name and address of the person paid and possibly the date of death of Walter Cunningham, the soldier, you should write to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following data:

Walter Cunningham
Certificate 5036
Issued February 1 or 2, 1833
Rate \$20 per annum
Commenced March 4, 1831
Act June 7, 1833
Virginia Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator