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Mountjoy, Alvin
Mary

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See letter 31 May '37

Am R. D. Johnson
to W. Johnson - do. to
same July 10. 1837

Dead
Paid at the Treasury under
the Act of the 16th April
1838 from the Sept 1838 to
16th March 1839 the day of her
death Act notified 17th Nov
1839

See R. D. Johnson - do. to 14/51

Kentucky 839

Mary Mountjoy
widow of Alban Mountjoy
who died on the 3rd Nov - 1827
of Pendleton Co in the State of Kentucky
who was a Lieutenant in the Company comman-
d by Captain Washington of the reg^t comman-
d by Col. Mercer in the Virginia
line for twenty one months & 07 days

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of 287 Dollars 55 Cents per so
to commence on the 16th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11 day of March
1857 and sent to Mrs
Johnson Esq. Washington, Ken

Amount to the 16th of March 1857 \$1725.30
Pension allowance ending 14 Sept 57 143.77

1867.07



Revolutionary Clerk,
Act July 4, 1836,
Section the 3rd.

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Kentucky
Hoven Mountjoy

of ~~President~~ in the state of Kentucky
who was a ~~Lieut~~ in the regiment commanded by
Colonel ~~Mearns~~ of the ~~Original~~
line, for the term of ~~two~~ years

Inscribed on the Roll of ~~Kentucky~~
at the rate of ~~20~~ Dollars per month, to commence
the ~~15~~ of ~~June~~ 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the ~~14~~ of ~~March~~
1820 sent to ~~Hove~~
Wm Brown House of Reps

Arrears to 4th of March 1820	473.24
Semi-ann. all'ce ending 1st Apr 1820	120.00
20 1814	
20 1815	
400	
10.66	
2.58	
<u>473.24</u>	\$593.24
	\$533.24

{ Revolutionary claim,
Act 18th March, 1818. }

15 June 1818



1st letter to Hon R. M. Johnson
10 Jan 1834
Let. 5 April 1837
W. Johnson

State of Kentucky
Pendleton County

June Term 1818

On this the 15th day of June 1818 before the
County Court of Pendleton County personally
Affiants Alvin Montjoy aged 71 years
Resident in Pendleton County and state of
who ^{being} first duly sworn according to law
Doth make the following declaration in
order to obtain the procession made by an
act of Congress entitled an Act to provide
for certain persons engaged in the land and
Naval Services of the United States in the
revolutionary war

That he the said Alvin Montjoy entered
into the Service of the United States as a Lieutenant
in War in the year of 1775 under the Command of
Capt. William Washington of the 3rd Virginia
Regiment. Commanded by Col. Mercer (afterward
Genl. Mercer) who was killed at the Battle of
Princeton of the Continental line and the
Regiment was raised for two years and continued
in the Service in the said Regiment the whole time
that the Regiment continued which was until the
Spring previous to the time of the expiration of the
enlistments when the most of the men recited
for during the War and obtained furloughs
to go home and when the Regiment became
so reduced he went to Genl. Washington and
gave up his Commission when the Genl. Mercer
with several others at the same time

After remaining in the service between 19 and
20 months in which he was in the battles at
Hent town & Pine town and he well recollects
that his Excellency the President Monroe ^{who} was at
that time under ~~charge~~ ⁱⁿ the same Company ^{and}
a wound in his shoulder at the approach of the
Enemy's pickets at Hunters Lane that Capt Washington
himself and the President commanded the persons
hope on that Occasion and that he is in ^{Richard}
circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country
for support.

Alexander Murray

Servant to ~~Sistered~~ ^{and} delant in Open Court
This 16th June 1776

State of Kentucky
Pender's County

Wm. Taylor

J. Roberts Taylor presiding Justice of the
County Court for the county afo^r at this term
afo^r do certify that it appears to my satisfaction
that the said Alex^r Murray did serve in
the revolutionary War against the Common
Enemy as stated in the preceding declaration
for the term of nine months and I now trans-
mit the preceding and evidence taken and
had before me to the Secretary for the department
of War pursuant to the directions of the said
Act of Congress intitled as above This June
16th 1776

Wm. Taylor

John Mountjoy was born the 28th of January 1760
Mary Mountjoy was born the 5th of July 1760
and was married the 1st of September 1777
John Mountjoy was born the 6th of November 1781
Elizabeth Mountjoy was born the 13th of December 1783
Mary W. Mountjoy was born the 19th of May 1787
Elizabeth Mountjoy was born the 17th of March 1789
John Mountjoy was born the 20th of June 1792
John Mountjoy Sen. departed this life the
10th of July 1793

John Mountjoy Junr was born August 24th
and departed this life the first of June 1794

John Mountjoy was born the 14th of December 1794
John Mountjoy was born the 20th of June 1792
and departed this life the 23rd of August 1794
Sidney H. Monroe was born
September 29 1810

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to commemorate, and that, (excepting the names & births of
Sidney H. Monroe) it has existed, as the family record, from
her earliest memory and recollection, and as such, has
been constantly been kept & preserved: and now other
written knowledge hath existed in the family—

Sworn and subscribed
to the 17th day of April 1837
before me
Charles Martin J.P.

May W. Post

Town of Helmuth, Pendleton County }
State of Kentucky } J.P.

On this the 19th day of April
A.D. 1837 Sarah Hayes, before the undersigned a Justice of the
peace of & for the County and town aforesaid Sarah Hayes a
resident of said County, aged forty eight years, who being first
solely sworn according to law, does by her oath make the follow-
ing affidavit & declaration to wit: That the above Title paper
printed upon, on the one side, and written upon, on the other, hath
affixed, so far as written, is the family record of Abner
Montjoy Dodder, her father. That the same is a part of
his family Bible and taken therefrom; and has, since her
earliest memory been preserved in said Bible, and been
taken and viewed as the paper to containing a correct
record of the births and the marriage of her parents, and
also their children, so far as their births &c are thereupon

recorded. She further states, ^(4 page) that portion of the writing upon said record, between the top of the page and the two parallel lines drawn across the same, is the hand writing of her said father, who died in 1827. And that the births thereupon recorded are those of her parents and their children, excepting that of Sidney H. Monroe, which is the name of ~~the~~ the son of this affiant, by her first husband Alexander Monroe dec. who died in 1814 and ^{which son} was the grand-son of said William Montjoy dec. chiefly raised in his family, as a member thereof, during this affiant's first widowhood. And that the writings below said parallel lines, together with the birth and name of her said son, was written by some member of her said father's family now deceased, probably by her elder brother Capt Thomas L Montjoy dec, who died in 1826 and that at the time of writing the same, or thereafter, received the sanction and frequently underwent the inspection of her said father during his life. That of her said son she knows to be correct; and that portion thereof above his name, has always been viewed and taken and resorted to, as a correct memorial of the events of the family, both before, (as long as she remembers) and since the death of her said father, up to the present time. She has known no other in the family, and within his memory of knowledge or information there has been none other and as such she believes it correct.

Sarah C. Trayer

Sworn and subscribed
to this 19th day of April 1837

Charles Martin D.D.

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State of Kentucky }
Pendleton County } set

On the 11th day of January A.D. 1837
before the undersigned justice of the peace, Mrs. Mary
Mounsey, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged
seventy six years, who being first duly sworn, according to law,
doth on her oath, make the following statements and declarations,
in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions, made by the
Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. - to-wit:

That she is the widow of Alvin Mounsey, formerly of
Stafford County, State of Virginia, who entered the army of
the Revolution in the year 1775, as Second Lieutenant, under
Capt. William Washington, then, also of said County of Stafford,
and his brother William Mounsey, who was the first Lieut.
also of said County, commanding the company. That her
said husband served in the army until, what was then
called, the close or termination of the war, at which time
he retired, either by permission or expiration of his term of
service, from the army, holding by promotion, under
actual commission, or, otherwise, ranking as such, the
office of Captaincy. That she has frequently heard him
say, and verily believes, he was in the battles of Trenton,
Princeton and others, and many skirmishes fought between
the American and British troops. That her said husband
was a pensioner under the Act of Congress passed (as she is
informed) 18th March A.D. 1818, and continued on the pension
roll, under said Act, for about one year, when his name
was stricken off and the pension withheld, by reason of
his, then, holding more property (as she is informed) than
contemplated by the provisions thereof, should be held, by
those enjoying the benefits thereof. That she has no
documentary evidence, in her possession, or within her control
or reach, in support of her claims, or proving her said
husband's services, and therefore refers to such evidence
as is contained within, and accompanying his Declarations of

2) and application under the aforesaid act of 1816: and, which
Declarations and accompanying evidence, she supposes on file
in the United States War Department, as well as others, and
now accessible to those, whose province it may be, to pass
upon her claims, and as refers to them, and prays that
they may be examined—

From the Pocket-Book of her husband (preserved as a
sacred relic) which he carried and bore about his person
with him, through the war, she has torn the only remaining
leaves, part of a Journal, which he kept of the passing
events of that epoch, while in the army, in his own hand
writing. This Journal contained many more leaves, showing the
battles and skirmishes he fought, the movements and encampments
of the army, for a great portion of the time while he was out,
but all excepting the portion presented have been lost, and this
remaining is presented, as containing short, and special memo-
randa, which from their speciality of manner, could not
have been made, by any other, than him who was a
particpant, and present a personal actor—

She further declares, that she was married to said Alvin
Mainjoy, on the 3^d day of September 1777 in Stafford County
State of Virginia, by the Rev. Mr. Brooks, a minister of the
Protestant Church, and according to the forms of that Church,
while her said husband belonged to the army, was a member
thereof, and before the expiration of the last period of his
services; he having been at the time, upon a visit home,
to his friends and relatives, from the army, upon parole:
and within two weeks thereafter, again returned to the
same, where he remained, excepting short and occasional
visits, until the close or termination of the war, as
before stated—

That her husband the said Alvin Mainjoy, died on the
3^d day of November 1827, near the town of Palmyra,
Pendleton County, Ky. That in the year 1784, she removed
with her said husband and their family from Stafford
County Va. to the West, to that portion which is now known
as the State of Kentucky, where they resided until his
death, which took place at the time before stated. That
during their union as man and wife she bore him

3) eight children, some of whom were born in Virginia and the others in Kentucky. That her husband and family removed from the County of Bourbon Ky. to near Palmouth, Pendleton County, Ky. in the year to the farm where she now lives, and where her said husband departed this life. That her first child was born in 1779 and died about four years of age. Her 2^d was born the 6th Nov: 1781: and died where she now lives 9th Oct 1826. The 3^d the 18th Dec: 1783 and died in 1834. The 4th Mrs Mary West, was born the 13th May 1787. The 5th Mrs Sarah Trayer was born the 17 March 1789. The 6th the 20 Jan^y 1792. and died in 1793. The 7th on the 7th Dec: 1794, and died in Nov: 1834: and the 8th in 1797. and died the same year. That all of her said children have departed this life childless and without issue, excepting the aforesaid two daughters Mrs Mary West and Sarah Trayer, who are now both widows, the latter living with, and the former near her in the County aforesaid.

That she has remained a widow, ever since the death of her said husband: as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Attest
Geo. Hauser

Mary Mountjoy

State of Kentucky }
 Pendleton County } 3^d Dec

Sworne to and subscribed, on the day and year first above written, before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid.

And I as Justice aforesaid, do hereby further certify, that the said affiant Mrs Mary Mountjoy, the widow and relict of Alvin Mountjoy dec. late of the County aforesaid cannot by reason of bodily infirmity attend Court, she being at this time by age and said infirmity confined to her house and bed. And I do further hereby certify, that the said affiant is a lady of credibility and respectability. Given under my hand as Justice aforesaid this 11th day of January A.D. 1837. Charles Martin J.P.C.

Belmont, Piedmont County, N.C. June 26th 1887

J. L. Edwards Esq.

Richmond Va.

Both your kind letters, relative to ~~an~~ Mary Mountjoy's pension, were duly received. Her certificate arrived at this place, from your Office, as early as it could have possibly come. The money, or rather Northern Bank paper, from the pension agency at Lexington has been received by her.

Your first letter, after forwarding the certificate, would have been forthwith answered, had it not been believed, that the regular returns or reports from the pension agency would have informed you that she had drawn the pension and therefore every thing was perfectly right.

For your official kindness, attention and promptness she please to receive both the family's and mine grateful acknowledgments.

The mother of my wife is one of the two only surviving heirs of ^{Sgt.} Alvin Mountjoy, as whose widow Mrs Mary Mountjoy received this pension. The family tradition is, that he himself received nothing for his revolutionary services, and the heirs and advisers ^{thereof} they have a valid claim upon the United States. How it is presumed have examined his application papers under the Act 1828 - and his, lately, and therefore are better informed with history of his revolutionary services, their kind & nature than his only two surviving widowed female heirs can possibly be - and the laws applicable (if any) to the case. If from

your knowledge thus derived, there exists such a claim in their behalf - justice would give it them upon satisfactory proof, that they are the heirs. The latter is known to them, and all those who know them; but with the mode of application, or what special laws or rules are applicable to their case is from the want, of the proof in your office, both by parents, unknown to them. If entirely compatible with the rules of the station you hold - the information is asked - and will be then fully secured.

Your friend with sincerity

William Johnson

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office,

Dec. 10th 1839.

~~Under~~ Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," The child^{ren} of Mary Mountjoy, ~~was~~ a Pensioner on the Roll of the Kentucky - Agency, at the rate of two hundred & 57 Dollars and fifty five Cents per annum, under the law of the 4th July 1836, — have been paid at this Department, from the 4th of Sept. 1838, to the 16th March, 1839, the day of his death —

Respectfully, yours,

William B. Parry

Comptroller.

To the Commissioner of Pensions,

Present.