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Pension application of Stephen McBride R6591 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Indiana; County of Martin

On this the 9th day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me Alexander Shirckliff, a Justice of the Peace of said County, Jeremiah McBride who being by me did swear according to law, declares and says that he is one of the heirs of Stephen McBride who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War. Said Stephen McBride was drafted at Hampshire County in the State of Virginia some time in the Autumn of seventeen hundred and seventy eight and continued in service in said war at that time about six months, that he served his said term of six months at Fort Lawrence [sic, Fort Laurens] with General McIntosh for the purpose of destroying the Indian towns and intimidating and chastising the Indians. And that, afterwards he was drafted, by Captain Foreman and marched from said County of Hampshire to the Fort at Wheeling on the Ohio River at the time that said fort was abandoned on account of the many depredations of the Indians, having served altogether the term of nine months, that he was at the time he performed said services about twenty years of age, and that he, the affiant, is now, sixty seven years of age and that there are other heirs of said Stephen McBride still living. He further states that he makes this affidavit and application for the purpose of obtaining any and all pension money which may be due to said heirs of said Stephen McBride up to the time of his death which took place in March 1837 at Columbiana County, Ohio and that he never received any Pension in his life time.

St Jeremiah McBride (Seal)

The above affidavit were subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of November 1855 and I certify that he is the identical person he represents himself to be and about the age herein specified.

S/A. Shircliff, Justice {Seal}

[Facts from the file: This claim was not allowed because the law did not provide benefits for the heirs of deceased veterans; the names of the veteran's wife and other children are not stated in the file; Jeremiah McBride was a son of the veteran. In a letter dated in 1914, Elda McCullough [relationship, if any not shown], states that the veteran "married a Smith and their children were John, James, Jeremiah, Andrew, Evan, Abram, Ann, Hannah & Betsy.]