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Scope and Contents

Facsimiles of historical documents. Land grant to William Cleaver and others for 1,000 acres on the Monongahela River, 1782; certificate for money due B. Cleaver for service in the Virginia Militia, 1783; affidavits concerning the military service of William and Benjamin Cleaver, 1774-1782, in Dunmore's War, at the Falls of the Ohio, and on General George Rogers Clark's expedition against the Indians, including the Shawnee. There is also a petition, 1777, by residents of the Tygart Valley, West Fork of the Monongahela, and Buckhannon Creek settlements requesting the formation of a new county. There are four typed pages dated January 1-9, 1969, with information about the Cleaver Family - William and Hannah; William, Jr.; Benjamin; and Stephen.

Keywords

Buckhannon Creek
Monongahela River (W. Va. and Pa.)
Monongalia County (W. Va.)
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Tygart Valley.
West Fork of the Monongahela.
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Indians of North America
Frontier and pioneer life
Revolutionary War.
Rivers and river valleys.
Shawnee Indians
Clark, George Rogers, 1752-1818
Cleaver, Benjamin.
Cleaver, William.
Cleaver family

Description of Subordinate Components

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Petition to form Harrison County, West Virginia

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Unit Date 1777

Scope and Contents

Forms: Xerox copies, Ms. [manuscript] Petition; 1 item original 2 pp. [pages] (copied on 5 pp.)

Persons: Family names included in list of subscribers to the petition:

Blair, Blunt, Booth, Baker, Barker, Boyer, Barkley, Bucklin (?), Board, Cane, Crouch, Carne, Cochran [sic], Coningham-Cunaham [sic], Carpenter, Childers, Canscoyle, Currants, Casaday, Clever-Cleaver, Cutrite [sic], Cotral [sic], Davison, Douglas [sic], Delegas, Dodson, Everman, Gibson, Gregory, Heasting [sic], Hanaman, Hickman, Husteg [sic]-Husteg (?), Hamilton, Huston, James, Jonas, Koon (Coon), King, Lambert, Lovel, Louthier, Merritt, More [sic], McClane, Morefield, Nutter, Owens, O'Brian, Pedro, Philips, Price, Peidmore [sic], Parks, Parsons, Richards, Reed, Ryan, Riffle, Richardson, Shaver, Smith, Skidmore, Stalnaker, Sanderson, Simms, Springstone, Snider, Stout, Taylor, Thomas, Tucker, Thomson, Westfall, White, Wilson, Wools, Williams, Wilkeson, Wickwire, Webb, Yeokim [sic]. Cross, Gooden, Grundey, Hellen, Murphey, Merifield, Mathew, Woolf, Wire [Wine?]

Places: Tygart Valley Settlement. West Fork of the Monongahela, and the Buckhannon Creek [sic] Settlements. [Area of original Harrison County; later possible present areas of Randolph, Lewis, Barbour and Upshur counties]

Subjects: County Formation [Harrison Co. [County]] On information that petitions had been presented to the General Assembly to divide the "old" part of Augusta Co. [County], into smaller counties the 172 signers of the petition, residents of the named Settlements, ask that their area should not be joined any county east of the Allegheny, on the waters of the James R. [River], or South Branch of the Potomac R. [River], or to the Monongalia County. The subscribers considered they were able to erect and support the necessary public buildings for a county town for the area including the Settlement named, Condition of roads, distance necessary to travel, and uninhabited and arduous route of travel were included in reasons given showing the need of a new county.

Land Grant for Military Service

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Unit Date 1782

Scope and Contents

Forms: Xerox copies, Ms. [manuscript], Land Grant 1 item, 1 p. (copied on 2 pp. [pages])

Persons: Benj. [Benjamin] Harrison, Governor of Virginia to William Cleaver, Jonas Friend, Edward Skidmore, Joseph Donoho, & Jesse Hamilton; assignees of John McClanahan, assignee of James Walker

Places: Augusta County, Monongalia County, on the Monongahela River

Subjects: Land. Grant for 1,000 A. [acres] on the Monongahela R. [River], a part of 3,000 A. [acre] grant to James Walker for military service in the French and Indian War. Surveyed in 1774

Military Service in the American Revolutionary War

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Unit Date 1832

Scope and Contents

Forms: Affidavit (1 item, 5 pages)

Persons: William Cleaver. B. [born] in Pennsylvania in 1761. Names mentioned in connection with military service: General [Geo. [George] Rogers] Clark, Captain Davis. Names given as character witnesses: Charles and William C. Wortham, William Ewing, John Jamison, John Peebles, William Brunk, Thomas Doran, Edmund Philips, Rev. Martin Utterback, and Frederick and Jacob Keller

Places: Grayson County, Kentucky, and Tygart Valley Falls of Ohio.

Subjects: Military Service in the American Revolutionary War. Tygart Valley – resident of 1776-78; served in guarding forts and frontier settlements; scouting expedition in 1778. Kentucky – removed to in 1779,

served on guard duty at the Fort on the Falls of the Ohio [Fort Nelson] under the command of General George Rogers Clark; in Captain Davis' company served on Clark's expedition against the "Northern Indians"; mentions burning Shawnee towns, taking prisoners; Cleaver and his brother were later taken prisoners by the Indians, held for 6 months – brief comment on their captivity. Append affidavit by Rev. Martin Utterback certifies Cleaver's statement regarding his military service.

Benjamin Cleaver, born in Maryland, 1751

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Unit Date 1832

Scope and Contents

Forms: Xerox copies of manuscripts of Affidavits and Certificates (2 items, 5 pages)

Persons: Benjamin Cleaver, born in Maryland, 1751. Names given as character and service certification references: Uriah Pirtle; James Bentle [sic]-[Bentley?]; William Ewing; John Jamison; Peter and John Fulkerson; Charles and William C. Wortham; John Cunningham. Names mentioned in association with military service: General [George Rogers] Clark; Captain Davis; John Murray, Earl of Dunmore. Appended affidavit of Clergyman Martin Utterback and Charles Wortham certifying Cleaver's statement regarding his military service.

Places: Grayson County, Kentucky; Tygart Valley; Point Pleasant; Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Falls of the Ohio/Kentucky.

Subjects: Military Service: 1774-1782. Resident of Tygart Valley in 1774 ("on the Monongahela R. [River]"); In 1774 appointed Sergeant and served in guarding the "forts" and frontiers of the Tygart Valley against Indian attack; served in Dunmore's War, marched to the mouth of the Kanawha River, and was in the Battle of Point Pleasant; served under Captain Friend, 1775, guarding forts and frontiers of the Tygart Valley and helped in building another Fort; continued in service in the Tygart Valley, 1776-1778, and during this period served as a guard on a cattle drive to Pittsburg, cattle intended for the use of the "Revolutionary Army"; 1779 moved to near the Falls of the Ohio; served with General Clark in guarding and building forts at the Falls; served in Captain Davis' Company in General Clark's expedition against the "northern Indians"; burn Shawnee towns and took prisoners. [These forts were possible Westfall, at Beverly; Haddon near Huttonsville; and Currence, at Mill Creek]

Certificate for money due Cleaver for service in the Militia of Virginia [Kentucky County]

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William Cleaver's Military Service

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Unit Date 1833

Scope and Contents

Forms: Xerox copies of manuscript. Affidavit (1 item, 3 pages)

Persons: Benjamin Cleaver names mentioned in association with military service - General [George Rogers] Clark; Captain Davis.

Places: Grayson County, Kentucky; Tygart Valley; Falls of the Ohio.

Subjects: Military Service. B. Cleaver's affidavit regarding William Cleaver's military service, 1776-1782. Benjamin and Willam both served in guarding forts in the Tygart Valley. In 1779 both moved to Kentucky. In 1781 William ordered General Clark to assist in guarding and building forts [sic] at the Falls of the Ohio. In 1782 William volunteered in Captain Davis' Company and served with General Clark on his expedition against the "northern Indians". Benjamin also served on this campaign.