

The State of Ohio  
Madison County

I Margaret Whelan now a resident of the Township of Madison in the County Lake and State of Ohio. Make oath and say, that I was born in the Town of Haverhill in the County of Delaware and State of New York on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1772. My father's Name Alexander Harper. he was Captain of a Company of Rangers raised in that Section of County for the protection of the frontier Settlements, against the predatory attacks of the Indians and Tories, during the War of the Revolution. During the best of my recollection the inhabitants of Haverhill were driven away from their homes in the month of July 1778. We left to avoid being massacred by the Tories, and after we had gone Capt. M. Donohue with a party of Tories followed us, about two miles from the Fort. Night overtook us and it became so dark that we were compelled to encamp. What we did near a small stream called West Hill. Some time in the night there came on a severe thunder storm and raised the water in the stream on which we were encamped and obliged us to leave. During the night our party had sent forward an express to the Middle Fort at Schoharie informing the Officers in command there, that our party was on their way to the fort, and were pursued by a party of Tories. a party of Men were sent out to our assistance and after they had pursued us about half a mile they met Capt. M. Donohue, and his party of about 150 Tories and a skirmish with them. ~~our~~ ~~forces~~ were compelled to retreat before Capt. M. Donohue till they were dispersed. When they drove off M. Donohue and his party, and we reached the Fort safely.

My father's family remained at the Fort till the Spring of 1782 when my Mother and children removed to New Lebanon. Myself and my oldest brother John A. Harper were carried to Cambridge Washington County New York by some of our friends, two or three months before, and after my Mother removed to New Lebanon, my brother and myself joined them -

My father was taken prisoner at Haverhill, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1780 by a party of Tories and Indians under Brant. The following persons were taken prisoners with my father to wit M<sup>r</sup> Saint Louis his son William who was a boy of 12 or 13 years of age, a man of the name of Brown and his three sons John Hendley Ezra Thorp, Freygift Patchen and Isaac Patchen Jr and the following persons were killed by the enemy to wit M<sup>r</sup> Stevens, Thomas Hendley, and James Hendley. My father was carried captive to Canada where he remained till the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1783 he was kept in irons about one year by that time as I have often heard my father say.

I was acquainted with Benjamin Bartholomew, he was my Mother's brother, he served in the Fort or with the Rangers during the War, he was a member of the company of Rangers of which my father was Captain on its first organization, he was in the battle at the Middle Fort, when attacked by the united forces of Tories and

Indians under Butler and Basset in October 1781. I don't remember the day of the month on which that battle took place, but it has always been impressed on my mind that it was on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of that month. I cannot say what rank Benjamin Bartholomew held in said Company but I have always had an impression that he was an Ensign, he might have been no more than a Common Soldier.

I was acquainted with said Benjamin Bartholomew until his death I was also acquainted with his Wife whose name was Abigail & have lived in their family for some weeks together. They lived together as husband and wife. Some years after the death of the said Benjamin Bartholomew the said Abigail Bartholomew went of the said Benjamin Bartholomew resided to the Township of Hesperfield in the County of Ashtabula County Ohio where she resided until her death which happened in the month of March 1839 as near as I can recollect.

And further this deponent deith not

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The State of Ohio  
Ashtabula County } Be it remembered that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
Eight hundred and Fifty one Personally appeared the above  
named Margaret Wheeler whose name is subscribed to  
the foregoing Affidavit and made oath that the matters and  
things set forth in her Affidavit are true according to the  
best of her remembrance, information and belief  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at  
Hesperfield Ashtabula County State of Ohio on this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of April A.D. 1851 -

S. P. Collier

Justice of the Peace

THE STATE OF OHIO,  
ASHTABULA COUNTY SS.

I, ABNER KELLOGG, Clerk of the Court of  
Common Pleas of said county of Ashtabula, Certify that  
S. P. Collier Esquire, by whom the  
annexed and foregoing acknowledgment and affidavit was  
taken, was at the date thereof, and acting Justice of the  
Peace, within and for the said county, duly qualified, and  
as such, duly authorized to take the same. And Further,  
that I am acquainted with the hand-writing of said Justice,  
and believe the signature purporting to be his is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and affix the Seal of said Court,  
at Jefferson, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D., 1851.

A. Kellogg Clerk.

The State of Ohio  
Ashland County, ss.

Warpurfield Township

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned  
a Justice of the Peace for Warpurfield Township  
County & State aforesaid Abigail Bartholomew  
a resident of said Warpurfield in the County  
& state aforesaid aged eighty five years, who  
being first duly sworn according to law doth  
on her oath make the following declaration  
in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions  
made by the act of congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>  
1836 - That she is a widow of Benjamin  
Bartholomew who was in the Commissary  
department under Capt Lawrence & afterwards  
Capt Winne some time in the summer of  
1779 & remained in the Commissary department  
till some time in the year 1781 - That he  
(Benjamin Bartholomew) was stationed at Schoharie  
in the then County of Albany - That he was  
in an engagement at the Middle Fort  
when the British & Indians under Sir John  
Johnston attacked the American Troop Commanded  
by Major Melancton Woolsey - That she was  
present in the fort during the engagement  
making cartridges &c - That he frequently  
went to Albany as an express - She  
further declares that she was married to the said  
Benjamin Bartholomew on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April  
1774 - That her husband the aforesaid Benjamin  
Bartholomew, ~~her husband~~, died on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of February A.D. 1797 and that said  
Abigail Bartholomew has remained a widow  
ever since that period, as will more fully appear  
by reference to the proof annexed

Abigail <sup>Her</sup> Bartholomew <sup>Seal</sup>  
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