

This is a very indefinite statement as to what really occurred as no names are given and all is mere tradition.

Wiley in his history of Monongalia County refers to this plot and to the tradition that several persons were arrested and taken to Richmond for trial, and also that one prisoner while guarded by three of the Morgans under orders for Richmond, was drowned in Cheat River near the Dunkard Bottom by the upsetting of the boat, and that inquiry was never made whether the upsetting was accidental or otherwise, as the settlers did not want to spare three good men from the frontier while the Indians were hostile to guard one man to the East.

But whatever took place it is certain that the movement was considered important enough to receive the attention of both Congress and the Virginia Assembly, as the latter body in October 1777 passed an act reciting that Samuel Washington, Gabriel Jones and Joseph Reed had been appointed Commissioners by the United States Congress to repair to Fort Pitt in order to investigate the rise, progress and extent of the disaffection in that quarter, and authorized the said commissioners to apprehend such inhabitants of the Counties of Ohio, Monongalia and Yohogania as shall appear to said commissioners to have been concerned in any conspiracy or plot against the said States or any of them and to deliver the offenders to the proper officers to be prosecuted according to law.

What action this commission took, if any, is not known, as no report of its proceedings is known to exist.

The laws of Virginia enacted during the war of the Revolution, against the tories, or those who announced their allegiance to, or gave aid and comfort to the soldiers of King George, were drastic and severe, and inflicted fines, imprisonment confiscation of property, banishment through the enemies' lines or trial by Court Martial, for treason to the Commonwealth. It was a penal offense to drink to the health of the King, and in the excitement of the times the lot of the tory was not a pleasant one. Thousands of them left the Country and sought protection under the flag of Great Britain.

All male inhabitants were required to take the oath of allegiance to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For many years after the Revolution the name of "Tory" was a word of reproach.

In October 1777 a law was passed directing a draft of soldiers to be made in Virginia to fill up the ranks of her depleted regiments then in the Continental Service, and the quota from Augusta County, which at that time included the territory of Harrison County was fixed at ninety-seven men.

In October 1780 another draft was made and the quota of Monongalia County was fixed at 30 men. The territory of Harrison County was by an act of the same session transferred from Augusta to Monongalia.

Pay Roll of Captain William Haymond's Company of Monongahela County Militia in active service during the war of the Revolution in 1777.

William Haymond.....	Captain	Frederick Ice.....	Private
MMorgan Morgan	Lieutenant	Henry Hank.....	Private
James Johnston	Ensign	Peter Propeno.....	Private
Zarah Ozban	Sergeant	Levy Carter.....	Private
Amos Ashcraft	Private	John Carter.....	Private
John Doherty.....	Private	Frederick Huckleberry.....	Private
Edmond Chaney.....	Private	Jarvis Brumagen.....	Private
Jeremiah Chaney.....	Private	Jeremiah Simson.....	Private
David Morgan.....	Private	Valentine Kennett.....	Private
Thomas Haymond.....	Private	Evan Morgan.....	Private
Amos Pettyjohn.....	Private	Reuben Boner.....	Private
William Pettyjohn.....	Private	James Morgan, Sr.....	Private
Robert Campbell.....	Private	John Lemasters.....	Private
John Ice.....	Private	James Morgan, Jr.....	Private