

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension app of Joseph Alexander S15355

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[Punctuation, grammar & spelling left as in the original]

State of Ohio, County of Clermont

On this 31st day of August personally appeared before me Robert Haines one of the associates Judges of the Court of common in said County Joseph Alexander a resident of Clermont County aforesaid ~~aged~~ born on the 10th day of May 1759 aged upwards of 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated—I first entered the service under Colonel Thomas ~~in the year~~ about the last of Nov. 1775 in the District then called 96 in South Carolina & left it about Christmas following. I was six weeks in the service as a volunteer under Capt. Berry & Lieut. Berry. We marched to the upper parts of the State of South Carolina in pursuit of the Tories. We were discharged at Cruney's Mill on Reburn's [sic, Reaburn's] Creek.

I turned out a second time as volunteer in the year 1779 and in said Col. Thomas & Major Lusk, Capt. Berry & Lieut. Berry aforesaid we served three months on Savannah River under General Williamson in Detachments, guarding ferries or Crossing places at a place called Beech Island had one small skirmish with the Tories & were discharged at Beech Island.

I next turned out as volunteer under General Sumpter at a place called Steel Creek about the 1st of June 1780 in North Carolina. General Sumpter soon after left us & went to a place called Hillsboro. I was then attached to the Command under Col. Williams aforesaid. Was then marched to Kings Mountain where we had an engagement against Col. Ferguson of the British Army where said Ferguson was Defeated & killed this as near as I recollect was on 7th Oct. 1780. In Aug. of the same year we had an engagement at Musgrove's Mill in the District then called 96 in South Carolina—about a month after the Battle of Kings Mountain we had an engagement at Blackstocks ford on tiger river against Col. Tarleton he commanded the British Horse, & defeated him General Sumpter was wounded we made a litter for him & took him away in the night next night Tarleton came on with four hundred foot & two Brass field pieces as a reinforcement according to the best account & we retreated we soon afterward separated & went in what was called scouting parties along the Indian frontier against the Cherokees & Tories.

In the year 1781 I rec'd a Lieutenants Commission from Benjamin Garret Governor of South Carolina & served in that capacity til the end of the war. We were guarding the forts & Stations on the Indian frontier til about the last of August 1782 when we went into the Cherokee Nation under General Pickens & were then Discharged.

He hereby relinquishes any former pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or, if any, only on that of the agency of the State of Ohio.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Alexander, X his mark

Where and in what year were you born?

In County of Atrium in the north of Ireland.

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

I have [?] all my records being burnt with my house in the month of March 1800.

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

I was living in district no. 96 in South Carolina. I left South Carolina in 1810 & removed to Ross Co. Ohio & in 1812 I removed to Franklin township Clermont Co. & State of Ohio where I have lived since that time.

How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

I was always a volunteer.

State the names of some regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

I was in the neighborhood when Lt. Col. Morgan defeated Tarleton & Col. White before whom I was sworn in when I rec'd my commission the general circumstances said as before described.

Did you ever receive a commission & if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it?

I did it was signed by Benjamin Garret then Governor of South Carolina which commission was burnt in March 1800 with house & household goods entirely in Spartanburg County South Carolina.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

I am acquainted with Peter Startings (?) & Lewis Miller & several others who I believe would all testify.