

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Mathew Alexander W324

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State of Tennessee, County of Henry

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting Mathew Alexander a resident of the County of Henry and State of Tennessee aged about Seventy five 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832—

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—

I entered the service of the United States in the fall of the year 17\_\_ [blank in original] as a substitute for my father James Alexander who was taken sick a few days before the army was to march, which was the first call for men in the State of South Carolina against the British—the officers that I recollect were Captain Parsons, Colonel Shelby and General Rutherford. I entered the service at Spartanburgh (sic, Spartanburg) County South Carolina for three months—we marched across the country to McCorpen's [?] Creek where we were discharged in January or February 17\_\_ by Captain Parsons. I was in no engagement.

I volunteered in Spartanburg County South Carolina in May or June 17\_\_ under Captain Parsons of the Cavalry and Lieutenant Moore Captain Parsons with his company of from twenty to thirty men marched to General Sumpter's (sic, Sumter) Camp where we tendered our services and were first under the command of Colonels Shelby and Roebuck—we were marched to Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree River South Carolina where we had a battle with the British and Tories, we took Sixty prisoners or more and got them away with us although we retreated from here we marched to a place called Ninety Six in South Carolina where we were stationed three months—we were furloughed a short time and then were marched to King's Mountain; but did not reach there in time to be in the battle, which proved the defeat of Ferguson—after this we had no regular campaign but were scouring the country to suppress the Tories, til the taking of Cornwallis, after which we were discharged in Spartanburg County by Captain Parsons. I remained in the service from the time of volunteering nearly two years without intermission. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify as to my service. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Roane County North Carolina in the year 1757.

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have only a memorandum of my age.

3. Where were you living when called into the Service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Spartanburg County South Carolina when I entered the Service. I remained in Spartanburg County 7 or 8 years after the war from there I moved to Logan County Kentucky, where I lived 32 years—from there I moved to Henry County Tennessee where I have lived about 8 years and I now live in Henry County Tennessee.

4. How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute, for whom?

The first time I entered the Service, I was a substitute for James Alexander: after that I was a volunteer.

5. State the names of some of the Officers of the Regular Army who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

I know of no officers except Captain Parson (sic), Colonels Shelby and Roebuck, General Rutherford, Lieutenant Moore, General Sumpter and such other officers as I may have named in the body of this declaration.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received a discharge as a Substitute and also as my own account—they were given by Captain Parsons and they are lost.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their opinion of your having served in the War of the Revolution.

For character for veracity and their opinion of my having served in the Revolutionary War, I refer to Stephen Townsend and George Cryder.

S/ Mathew Alexander, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. K. Porter, Clk.