

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Mathew Albritton R72

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The State of Alabama, Wilcox County: October the 31st 1832

Personally appeared in open Court before the honorable PT Harris Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting in said County Matthew Albritton, a resident of said State & County aged about seventy six 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 the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated.

He entered the Service in the Spring of the year 1782 under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Colonel Lightle or Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and Major Redden Blount, and under Captain Thomas Evans & Lewis Bush, that at the time he entered the Service he resided in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina and was drafted into the eighteen months service, after he commenced the Service he rendezvoused first at Kingston [sic, Kinston] on the Neuse River in said State, from thence he marched to Wilmington from thence under the Command of Colonel Lytle to George Town [sic, Georgetown] in South Carolina from thence to Ashley Hill on Ashley River in said State where he joined the Main Army of General Greene and remained stationed there for the space of three or four months, from thence he marched with Greene's Army to James Island, where he remained until the close of the war. He states that he was acquainted [with] Captains Sharp, Hadley, & Hall, of the regular Army, he was also acquainted with Captain Revelee [?] from Maryland, who was also under the Command of General Greene. He further states that the whole Term of the service which he performed was about thirteen months. The time for which he engaged had not expired at the time when he was discharged. Immediately before he was discharged he was marched to a place called the Ten Mile Springs ten miles from Charleston, where he received a conditional discharge, which was to be final if he should not be again called on. His discharge was signed by Captain Benjamin Coleman, who was his Captain at the time he arrived at Ashley Hill until he was discharged, and also by Colonel Lytle – he has now no documentary evidence of his service, having lost his discharge. He does not now remember any further particulars which might be serviceable in the investigation of his Claim, many of the incidents connected with his services and his sufferings have it in the lapse of years measurably faded from his memory.

S/ Mathew Albritton, X his mark

The following interrogatories by the Court

1st: When and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina. I have no record of my age but from traditionary information he was [born] about the year 1750 [could be 1758].

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

A: I have no record.

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

A: When I entered the Service, I lived in Pitt County North Carolina – a few years after the revolution I removed to the State of Georgia, then years after I moved into South Carolina, Newberry District, where I resided until the year 1827 – when I removed to this State I now live in Wilcox County Alabama.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

A: I was drafted.

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

A: I was acquainted with General Greene and Colonel Lytle, Major Blount, Captain Coleman and several others of the Regular Army – for the General Circumstances of my service, I refer to the statements contained in the above declaration.

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

A: I received a discharge as above Stated signed by Colonel Lytle & Captain Coleman. I cannot now tell what has become of it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

A: The Rev. Benjamin Delany & James Jenkins

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify the name of Matthew Albritton appears on the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war as a private soldier enlisted on the ___ [blank in original] in 1782 and Captain Evans's Company of the 10th Regiment for the term of 18 months and that he deserted on the 20th of April 1783.

Given under my hand this 19 th day of December 1832.

S/ W. Hill