

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Aldred R79

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[Punctuation, grammar & spelling modified for clarity. The spelling in this application is particularly imaginative. Following the amended version is an unedited version.]

State of North Carolina, Randolph County

On this 11th day of April 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace and member of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions in and for said County of Randolph, John Aldred, a resident of said County and State aged Eighty two years who being First duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress past June 7, 1832.

That he Entered the services of the United Stats as private and volunteer of Cavalry under Captain Thomas Doogan [sic, Dugan?] in the spring of seventeen hundred and Eighty one for the purpose of subduing and putting down on Col. Fanning [sic, David Fannin], a Tory and that he served until the next spring which to the best of his Recollection was the Rise of one year. That when he entered the service as aforesaid he was a Resident of Rowan County, North Carolina and Entered the services when he was about seventeen years old age and Received a discharge at the determination of his services which he give to his Father and it is Long since mislaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state. That from old age and infirmity of Body and consequent loss of memory, he can not state in detail his Revolutionary services as might be expected or required by the rules of the war department and perhaps ought to [have] presented his claim for pension long since and should have done so but for fear of trouble and expense and has solicited the hand of a friend to Edict this Declaration. That from old age and feebleness of Body he is unable to attend court to make his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 11th day of April 1846

S/ Thos. Branson, JP

S/ John Aldred, x his mark (his mark)

[Written on what appears to be the reverse side of this declaration is the following:]

June 29, 1846

The application of John Aldred for a pension under the act of 7 June 1832 has been examined and filed. This claim is asserted for a continuous service of 12 mos from Spring of 1781. This could have been rendered only in the Continental Line evidence of which should be found in the office of the Secretary of State of Raleigh. This certificate of the Controller of Public Accounts exhibits where payments made to John Aldred and S. Aldrid amounting to £ 31.3 which would cover a service of nearly 12 mos. The militia service in NC was rendered in tours of 3 months each and were not embodied for so long a period as twelve months at any one time. The Comptrollers certificate therefore affords no evidence of the service as set forth by claimant. Nor does the testimony of the witnesses show that he rendered any service whatever.

S/ Hon Alfred Dockery

[The unedited version of this application reads as follows:]

Decularation

In order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

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