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Pension Application of Joseph Alexander, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 28, Application #R87

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Martha Alexander, widow of JOSEPH ALEXANDER, a resident of **Guilford County**, NC, aged 87 years, in 1845:

“...That her deceased husband...JOSEPH ALEXANDER, as a private of infantry, did serve the United States a five months tour of duty, and was under General RUTHERFORD in South Carolina, at the time of **ASHE’s Defeat** [*Briar Creek, per Heitman, March 3, 1779*] SEVIER was his Colonel and BUTLER, Brigadier General...”

“...That in the fall of the year before the **Guilford Battle**...there was a draft again for militia men to serve a three months tour of duty, when her deceased husband... JOSEPH ALEXANDER was drafted for said period. That JOHNSON was captain of the company to which he was attached and COLLIER, Colonel...”

“...That sometime in the fall or winter right after the **Guilford Battle**, there was a draft for another tour of militia service, when her deceased husband was again in the service. JOHNSON, she thinks, was captain., and he deceased husband served as Ensign. BUTLER was Brigadier General. In this tour, the troops were marched to the south, and after serving out their tour, were discharged and returned home.”

“...That in consequence of her being married to said JOSEPH ALEXANDER after his service in the army, he having been dead about 45 years, is the reason why [she] cannot give a more detailed account of her husband’s service.”

“...She further declares that she was married to the said JOSEPH ALEXANDER at her father’s residence (JOSEPH MCLEAN’s) in the aforesaid **County of Guilford** in the year 1785, etc...”

November 1854, personally appeared, WILLIAM MCLEAN...made the following statement:

“That he, the said WILLIAM MCLEAN has always lived in Guilford County, ever since and before the Revolutionary War, that he well remembers the time of the said war, that he heard the guns at the great **Guilford Battle**. That he was well acquainted with JOSEPH ALEXANDER, for the said JOSEPH ALEXANDER married this affiant’s sister, who was some ten or twelve years older than this affiant, and that there is no other JOSEPH ALEXANDER but this one who married his sister, Martha, to his knowledge or belief, except a young one of many years since; and that this affiant well remembers that the said JOSEPH ALEXANDER were talking of their service with some of his brothers in the Revolutionary War, and that this is the same identical JOSEPH ALEXANDER who served in said war, for he remembers that it was talked of in the family and by the neighbors, and by JOSEPH himself, that he received several payments for his and other soldiers’ services...”

“I William H. Collins, Comptroller of Public Accounts, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office that JOSEPH ALEXANDER received the sum of ninety-four pounds, sixteen shillings for military service...”