

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Alexander R89

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State of Indiana, Warrick County

On the ninth day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Warwick County Circuit Court in open Court John Alexander a resident of Ohio Township in the County of Warrick and State of Indiana Aged 74 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That whilst living in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina was drafted into the service as a private in a horse company commanded by Captain James Stinson under Colonel Samuel Isaacs rendezvoused at Salisbury where there was a Regiment or part of a Regiment of Militia commanded by Colonel Pasley [sic, Paisley?], were marched on to the banks of Deep River from thence we passed towards Wilmington how far from it this applicant cannot say, part of the Troops went nearer. on our return about 5 miles from Deep River in the Quaker Settlement in Randolph County came upon a body of Tories by surprise, Killed several and took a number prisoners, took at the same time five horses among them was a very noted beast called Canadas Mane from Deep River, this applicant was marched back to Salisbury with the prisoners, then taken as also with other prisoners taken by other detachments they were put in Salisbury Jail this applicant's time expired before he got back – was discharged at Salisbury and received a written Discharge which he has since lost, that during said three months was in the service of the United States and was not engaged in any Civil Pursuit or employment; during the fall of the same year whilst living in the same County this applicant reentered the service a second time as a Volunteer under the said Captain James Stinson in a company of Militia for three months Colonel Isaacs commanded that they were mounted man and were engaged in scouting and preventing so far as they could the Tories from making head, that this applicant was marched into Guilford and Chatham Counties and several adjoining Counties but was not out of the said State of North Carolina that this applicant was marched to several suspected settlements at one or two of which this applicant was for a short time stationed that whilst he was out they had several slight skirmishes but that this applicant at no time was present when the Tories resisted to any extent was in no battles nor had they any settled station but that this applicant was during said three months either in detached parties sent out by his officers while under the immediate command of said officers that he was dismissed as soon as the Troops had returned but that this applicant received no discharge nor did any of the Troops to this applicant's knowledge except it may be the drafted man, that he served out his tour of three months but cannot be more particular in his description of his services from the failure of his memory and the great lapse of time, that afterwards he served one month as a volunteer in the State of Virginia and at Walden's bottom on New River under Captain William Underwood in a Company of light horse but received no discharge but that he cannot tell the year – nor can he say but it was before he rendered the other services – he served with no field officers he further declares that he cannot be more particular in his last statement & if the time is material he must abandon his said claim of one month's service. This applicant has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his said Services nor does he know of any person by whose evidence he could establish his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Alexander, X his mark

S/ John A. Graham, Clk

And the said Declarant John Alexander further upon his oath doth depose and say in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department now here by the said Court to him propounded and put by the Honorable the Judges aforesaid in open Court.

I was born in North Carolina in the year 1759.

I have no record of my age.

I was living in North Carolina as stated when I each time entered the service and at the close of the War still live there where I lived for about 20 years. From thence I removed to South Carolina where I resided about 15 years, moved from there to Tennessee, where I lived four years and from thence moved to this County of Warwick where I still live.

I was drafted the first time and volunteered at of the other times.

I never served with any regular officers or soldiers as I now recollect nor do I recollect the names of any company, Battalion or Regiment except Col. Palsley's & Colonel Caldwell's Regiment besides the one I served in at the time my services the first tour was in North & South Carolina the route nearly such as described the second wholly in North Carolina in about and through the Counties described (many of the events of this tour are so indistinctly impressed upon his memory that they sometimes appear like a dream for which reason he does not State them, the last Tour he served in Virginia.

I received a discharge for the first Tour but none for either of the other tours, preserved it whilst I thought it would be of any service as an exemption from a draft when I did not want to go & afterwards paid no attention to it so that I cannot say what has become of it but that it has been long lost.

I have been for many years acquainted with the Reverend Thomas Fuller and Thomas Hudspath and George Hathaway being in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my being a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John A. Graham, Clk

S/ John Alexander, Sr., X his mark

[Note: Vet died June 2, 1842.]