

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Alexander S1893

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State of Tennessee, Maury County

On this 13th day of September, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, William Alexander, a resident of said County of Maury, and State of Tennessee aged 72 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, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – He entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina in the month of May in the year 1780, under one Colonel Higgins and Robert McKnight Captain, his service consisted altogether in patrolling the County in watching the Tories; he was out about three or four weeks, in this first tour; the second tour he was under Captain Sigert, & same Colonel in the same year, was about the same time out for & performing the same duty; the third tour was under the same officers in the same year & 1781, while the British were lying in Charlotte, our duty consisted in watching & hampering the enemy in keeping them from plundering the Country, after this tour, which lasted about three months, he was engaged in assisting in furnishing the Army with supplies of provisions. That in consideration of his services in the American Army at various times during the Revolutionary war he received a warrant for 500 acres of Western lands in his own name from the State of North Carolina which warrant has been perfected into a grant for that amount by the State of Tennessee; which said grant he forwards accompanying this declaration as proof of his said Services; he is unable at this late period of time to state the exact period or length of time he served as a Soldier; but he adduces his grant founded on a warrant for his Services, and states further the known fact that he State of North Carolina at that period by her laws issued land warrants to were located in her West and Territory founded on Military service or supplies furnished the Army, at the rate of 100 acres for £10, which furnishes the only certain criterion he now has by which the length of his Services can be now established; he knows as a fact that the length of time which he served was sufficient to entitle him in the opinion of the authorities of North Carolina, to a land warrant for 500 acres – which was issued to him by them as above stated. He has no written discharge from the service – He was born in the state of Pennsylvania on the __ [blank in original] day of April 1760 and was brought by his father when a small boy to Mecklenburg County North Carolina & has resided in that state & the County of Maury Tennessee ever since; he was there [in Mecklenburg] living when called into the service. He is known to James Osborne Esq. of his neighborhood and also Thomas Grant of his neighborhood who will testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his Services as a soldier of the revolution.

~~S/ William Alexander~~

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ William Alexander