

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John S. Alverson: S30819

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State of Kentucky}

County of Lincoln} SS.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County of Lincoln, now sitting, John S. Alverson a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky, aged seventy seven 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered (as a volunteer) the service of the United States his first tour, under Capt James Adams, in the year 1778 or 1779 - he does not distinctly recollect which, & has not any memorandum or other paper to refresh his memory as to the precise date; That he entered the service as aforesaid, for the purpose of guarding the lead mines (near Fort Chiswell, present Wythe County VA), from which the publick supplies of lead were then mainly received - which mines were in danger of being attacked and destroyed by a number of Tories who had collected & were still assembling in the neighbourhood, and were committing many & divers depredations on the whig inhabitants; - that he resided in Bedford County in the State of Virginia about four miles from the village of New London [now in Campbell County] when he entered the service; - That he marched directly for said Mines, crossing the Alleganny Mountains at the head waters of Roan Oak [sic: Roanoke River], passing Harms[?] Meadows; - That he remained at the lead works until the Tories dispersed (to the best of his recollection, about eight weeks) - and was dismissed by his officers - but without any certificate or other writing: - That one Henry Eitson [sic: Eidson] was lieutenant of the company: - And that he has no documentary evidence - nor does he know of any person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his said service.

He further declares that he afterwards entered the service of the united States some time in the year following that in which he made the lead mine tour, also as a volunteer, under the command of Captain Thomas Arthur & Lieutenant Joseph Hendrick; That he marched thro' the southern part of Virginia into the state of North Carolina and after scouring the country & finding that the British & Tories had dispersed, was dismissed and returned home.

He further declares that he entered the service of the United States, again as a volunteer, in March 1781 (to the best of his recollection) - he then residing in Bedford County in the State of Virginia; That his company officers were Captain Jacob Moon & Lieutenant Benjamin Rice, and Colo. Charles Lynch & Major John Callaway were the officers to whose command his company was attached: - That he was marched immediately to a general rendezvous in the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia - and thence into North Carolina, near Guilford Court House - and he was in the battle called the battle of Guilford [15 March 1781], in which General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] commanded in chief - and wherein his Captain, Jacob Moon, was killed. He further declares that in the year following he served a tour in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, guarding a magazine at an old church, some seven or eight weeks, until it was removed and he was discharged.

And he declares that he has not any documentary evidence, and cannot procure any other testimony respecting the service in the three last tours above stated, except the affidavits of James Alverson [his brother, of Madison County KY] & James Carver hereto annexed.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid      John S. Alverson

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1833, personally appear'd in open Court, before the Hon'l. John S. Bridges Judge of the Lincoln Circuit Court, John S. Alverson, who, being duly sworn deposeth & saith, That, between the years 1778 and 1783 he served as a Private & Volunteer four different tours as set forth in his original Declaration. That he has not any letter of discharge from the officers under whom he served or any other writing by which he can

ascertain precisely what length of time he served in any one of these tours - and by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but he is positive & confident in declaring that he served fully twelve months, altogether, as a Private & volunteer in the service of the now United States during the Revolutionary War; and for such service said John S. Alverson claims a Pension.

By way of further amendment to his original Declaration he states, that he was born in the year 1755

That he has no Record of his age; That he was living in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia when called into service; That he moved from that State to Kentucky in the year 1807 in which latter State he now resides & has resided since his removal; he has no recollection of ever having received a discharge from the service; if he ever did it has been long since lost. he is known to Alford Hicks[?], Benjamin Duncan, Jerry Ball Esq, Richard Singleton Esq, and divers others in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity He would further state that no clergyman lives in his vicinity which alone is the reason of a clergyman's certificate not being affixed to his original Declaration then, nor to the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written [signed] John S. Alverson