

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Alexander W20586

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 13th day of October A.D. 1851 – personally appeared before me Joseph A. Cannon one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions for Mecklenburg County, Susannah Alexander, a resident of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina, aged about 92 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the various acts of Congress for the relief of widows of deceased soldiers of the Revolution, passed July 4th, 1836, July 7th 1838, March 3rd, 1843, June 17th, 1844 and February 2nd, 1848; That she is the widow of John Alexander deceased, who was a private Soldier of the Continental line of the State of North Carolina in Captain Ballard's Company of the 10th Regiment, that he entered the Service in said Company on the __ [blank in original] day of __ [blank in original] 1779 – for the term of nine months, and was discharged on the first day of December 1779 – as will appear by reference to the enclosed certificate of the Secretary of State, for the State of North Carolina. She further states that her said husband was also a private soldier in the Militia of North Carolina and served his Country in that capacity several years, the number of terms and precise length of time her husband served in the Militia, she does not now remember, but begs leave to refer the Commissioner of Pensions to the evidence now on record in the Pension Office, filed by her former agent in the year 1846 – which she prays may be taken as part of this her second declaration – she further declares that her Father was named James Alexander who also served in the war of the Revolution, and that she was married to the said John Alexander on the 12th day of November A.D. 1777, in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina; that her husband the aforesaid John Alexander died on the 12th day of July A.D. 1805 – and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof already on file, as well as to that hereto annexed – Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before.

S/ Susannah Alexander

State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

Personally appeared before me James Roberts one of the acting The justices of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid, John Allison, aged 83 years, January, at last, and after being first duly sworn according to law, sayeth on his Oath, that he was born in Ireland about the first of the year 1768, that he came with his father to the United States when he was about 10 years of age, that his father settled at that time in Mecklenburg County in the state of North Carolina not far from Charlotte Court House at which time he became personally well acquainted with John Alexander and wife Susan for they were near neighbors and living together as husband and wife and Deponent understood that John Alexander had been in the service and that he the said John Alexander and Deponent's father was both Drafted and went into the service in the North Carolina militia. Deponent's father was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina. Deponent well recollects that the said John Alexander was absent from home a great Deal and was said to be in the service, but how many tours or how long the said Alexander was in the service, deponent is not able to say, but he knows that the said John Alexander was always Reputed to have been a faithful Soldier and a true patriot, that he was well acquainted with Susan Alexander the wife of said John Alexander while she was at Home and her husband in the service, that he well Recollects, the Circumstance of the said Susan Alexander being instrumental in saving the life of Captain Joseph Graham who was wounded by the British near Charlotte Court House and supposed to be dead, that she the said Susan Alexander found the said Joseph Graham and taken him Home to her own House washed and dressed his wounds, and taken care of him until he was able to be carried off which she is did herself on a little pony that she had, of the

above fact, Deponent has a personal Knowledge and that they were told to Deponent by Captain Joseph Graham himself what Mrs. Alexander had done for him, that the said Susan Alexander who is yet a Resident of Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina, who is now applying for a pension for the services of her late husband the aforesaid John Alexander is the identical widow of the said Alexander. Sworn to and subscribed this 21st day of December 1851 before me.

S/ James Roberts, JP

S/ John Allison

[Note: page 30 of the Footnote.com file is an accounting by the NC Comptroller of disbursement made to John Alexander for militia services.]

[Note: Names and birth dates of the children of John and Susannah Alexander are set out in the file.]