

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Alley W256

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State of Tennessee, Roane County: October Sessions 1833

On this 29th day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court it being a court of record James Alley 80 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 7th, 1833 [sic, 1832], that in the year 1777 [he] volunteered in Captain Culpeper's company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Love, went from Tryone [sic, Tryon] County North Carolina, marched from Tryon to the head of the Catawba [River], at which applicant was transferred into Captain Roberson's [Company] in the same Regiment, and was attached to the Brigade commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] marched through various parts of the Country to the Hiwassee [River] on a tour after hostile Indians at which time this applicant was discharged after having served seven months as he believes in 1777 but received no discharge applicant then went back to Tryon where he remained about 12 months, in 1779 he again volunteered in Captain Snoddy's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith marched to Boonesboro in Kentucky to defend the place at the time an Indian called black fish besieged it at which place this applicant was discharged after serving three months he did not receive a written discharge from thence he went to what is now Lee County Virginia where he remained about 12 months when he again volunteered in defense of his country in the company commanded by Captain Snoddy (his former Captain) Colonel's name not recollected, marched to a place called the Block house on the [illegible word] of Holston [River] from thence to the Crab orchard in Kentucky after the Indians at which place this applicant was discharged after serving three months this was in 1780 he received no discharge, he did not return home immediately from the Crab Orchard but substituted for a man by the name of McKinney in Captain Martin's Company – on an expedition against the hostile Indians marched out of the settlement to Lee's Town after serving two months this was in 1781 he was discharged at this time he received no discharge from which place he went back to the Crab Orchard where he remained a short time when he returned from service & went to his father's home on Clinch River now Lee County Virginia after serving 15 months as above stated. Applicant was born in Henrico County Virginia in the year 1753. He had a record of his age but it is lost.

He was called into service as above stated he served under the officers above stated & don't recollect any other officers, the general circumstances of his services he has stated in the foregoing part of his Decla. And that he never received a written discharge he names the following persons who can certify as to his veracity in the neighborhood where he now resides to wit the Reverend Mr. Sellers, John Forester, Esq., Jacob L. Smith & Abner Casy and that he knows of no Living witness by whom he can prove his services, he now resides in Roane County Tennessee & has ever since 1821 previous thereto he lived some part of his time in [illegible word] Tennessee & Kentucky &c.

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 whatever.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October the 29th 1833.

S/ H. L. Parris, DC

S/ James Alley, Sr.

[Veteran died Aug. 2, 1834 in Roane County, TN; married Massey Saunders in either April or May 1781; widow died in April 1849.]