Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abram Alley S11955

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State of Virginia

On this 10th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before John Rutters, Samuel Hammitt, James H. Belscher & Edward H. Niblett Justices of the County Court of Prince George now setting being a court of record Abram Alley a resident of the said county of Prince George and State of Virginia aged seventy 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 the 7th of June 1832

He says he was drafted in the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1779 and was under the command of Captain Edward Bland and stationed at a place called Fort Hoods in Prince George County on James River. There were but a few men at the place He served here six weeks and was discharged. Being in the militia service he never received a written discharge as the men being generally discharged by companies.

He was a seond time called into the service of the United States and served two weeks under Richard Williams as Captain. He was in the neighbourhood of Petersburg and at that place in the engagement [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] where Genr'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] commanded the American Army. He was in Colonel Decln's[?] Regt. The History of the U. States will shew at what time this battle took place

He was a third time drafted into service and served two weeks under Leut John Green at Fort Hood in a small detachment who were stationed there to occupay the Fort and was discharged.

He was a fourth time drafted into the service of the United States and marched under the command of Capt Peter Williams to Suffolk where he joined a Regt commanded by Colo. [Alexander] Dick Genr'l Muhlenburg commanded the forces The Reg't was marched to & fro' in this neighbourhood watching the motions of the enemy. He was in service at this time six weeks as well as he recollects

He was a fifth time called into service and was stationed near Petersburg under the command of Capt Hartwell Raines and was in service six weeks. He was also, employed six weeks in the service in coopering flour barrels

He was a sixth time in service of the United States in Capt Peter Williams' Company and under the command of Colo Dick as Colo Genr'l Muhlenburg commanded. He was marched to Portsmouth & from Portsmouth to Smithfield and back to Suffolk and to Stoner's Mill. He was in service at this time about six weeks and was regularly discharged.

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 and year aforesaid

[signed] Abram Alley

This day James Tench [James Tinch, pension application S6244] appeared in open Court and being first sworn deposeth & saith that he was in service in the revolutionary war with Abram Alley at two different times near Suffolk and while he was in Capt. Peter William's Company

Jas. hisXmark Tench

[Hamlin Alley deposed that his brother, Abram Alley, was frequently in the sevice. Augustine Heath, pension application W3417 and "Preacher of Gospel," deposed that he believed Abram Alley served as claimed.]

State of Virginia Prince George County.

At the time of making the foregoing Declaration the said Abram Alley being duly sworn on his

oath saith: That by reason of old age the feeble state of his memory & the length of time since the revolutionary war he cannot swear positively to the dates or times he was called into service or the precise times of his discharges from it nor the time he acutally served but to the best of his recollection he served as he has stated in his declaration altogether thirty four weeks equal to about seven months and twenty six days. Sworn to in open Court this 10th of Sept 1833.