Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Aldridge S12921

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State of Kentucky } Sct County of Boone }

On this 24th day of [illegible] in the year 1832 personally appeared before me Jno. P Gaines a Justice of the peace in & for said County of Boone William Aldridge a resident of the said County of Boone aged seventy five years last May 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 1832

That He enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 in the month of January under Capt James Hook [also spelled James Hooke] and served in the thirteenth regiment of the Virginia line which was commanded by Col. Wm. Crawford [William Crawford]. He then lived in Frederick County in the state of Maryland & enlisted in the state of Maryland about Ten miles from Frederick Town & enlisted for the Term of Three years & was then marched westwardly crossing the Monongahela river to a fort called Jackson on Ten Mile Creek [on Tenmile Creek near present Sardis in Harrison County WV]. after staying some time at Fort Jackson He was marched to Yohogany [Youghiogheny] River & back again to Fort Jackson & some time in the month of May he was marched to Fort Pitt now Pittsburgh, & some time in the month of June following (1777) he employed a substitute to serve out the ballance of his term who was rec'd. & he discharged accordingly and return'd home after having served about five months

and that some time in the month of [blank] in the year 1778 he joined the company commanded by Capt. James Brewton as a volunteer private militia man and march'd to Fort Jackson & from that place He went on a campaign under Gen'l. [Lachlan] McIntosh to Tuscarawas creek where he aided in building a fort called Lawrence [sic: Laurens], & return'd home after serving a tour of about two months – Soon after which Towit 1779 he removed to the western country (now Kentucky) in 1782 he volunteered as a private in Capt Harlans [probably William Harlan's]company of militia & was in the Battle at the Blue licks in Kentucky in Aug't [19th] 1782 & returne'd home from the service after serving about eight months In the fall of the same year 1782 he entered the sevice of the United States as a private volunteer in the company of Capt Jno Smith [John Smith] & went on the campaign under Gen'l Geo R Clark [George Rogers Clark] against the Indians on the Miami after serving about one month he return'd home

that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person who he can procure whose can testify to his service except the deposition of Jno. Aldridge [John Simpson Aldridge, pension application W9698] 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 and year aforesaid. William Aldridge

NOTE: John Aldridge's deposition essentially echoed the declaration of William Aldridge, adding only that William Aldridge moved to the falls of Ohio at present Louisville KY in spring 1779.