

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Aleshidt (Aleshite) [Aleshire] S29579

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State of Virginia, Page County, to wit

Be it remembered that on this 24th day of Sept. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Danl. Stricker, Wharton Jones, Abraham [?] Spitter and Jas. Botts, Gentlemen Justices composing the said County Court of Page, now sitting, Henry Aleshite Senr. a resident in the said County of Page, and State of Virginia, aged 78 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. He was born in the valley of Powell's Fort in the County of Shenandoah on the 19 February 1754, and was consequently 78 years old in Feb. last past. He enlisted for 18 months in the county of Shenandoah in Capt. John Steed's company of Regulars in the year 1778, and marched to Valley Forge Pennsylvania and joined the 8th Regiment commanded by Col Abraham Bowman. The 8th and the 4th Regiments were afterwards put together and then commanded by Col. John Nevill [John Neville], in Gen Scott's [Charles Scott's] Brigade Va. Line. From Valley Forge we marched in pursuit of the British into the Jerseys, and overtook them at Monmouth, in which battle I fought, on Sunday the 28th day of June 1778. From Monmouth we marched into the State of Connecticut, and finally laid at West Point. We reached West Point in July and remained until fall, when we returned into Jersey, and laid between Middlebrook and Boundbrook, where we remained through the winter and until late into the spring, when my term of service having expired, I was regularly discharged -/ tho' that discharge has long since been lost, and I reached home just in the beginning of harvest.

In the spring of 1781 he was drafted into the militia for a tour of 3 months, under Capt. Jacob Pennywit [Jacob Pennyweight], and marched with some other companies to Petersburg Va. and was engaged in the skirmish or battle which was fought at that place in May 1781. His regiment was commanded by Col. John Slaughter, and the Brigade commanded by Brigadier Gen. Edmond Stevens [Edward Stevens]. From Petersburg we marched to what was called Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills in Henrico County VA] 18 miles below Richmond, at this place he was discharged, and returned home, but only remained at home four days, when he was again drafted for 3 months more, under Capt. George Prince, and marched to Newcastle on the Pamunkey River, where for some cause Capt. Prince was discharged from the service and our company was then commanded by Captain Lynchfield Sharp during the remainder of the tour. We then marched to Ruffin's Ferry, and from thence to Williamsburg, and from thence to the siege of York, and he was engaged in that siege. After Cornwallis and his army were taken [October 19, 1781], he was detailed and marched in guarding the prisoners to LeHewtown town in the County of Frederick, (now Front Royal) where his term of service expired and he was again regularly discharged. His Regiment, during this last tour was commanded by Col. Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmonds], and the Brigade was still under the command of Genl. Stevens.

Before he enlisted at all, he had served a tour against the Indians as a volunteer. There were two companies marched from the County of Shenandoah, one under Capt. Thos. Buck, who is believed to be yet living near Front Royal in the Cty. of Fredk., and the other company, in which deponent was,

was commanded by Capt. Michael Rader (Rader). We joined Capt. Lucas's company from Berkeley - Capt. Niesmanger's [probably John Niscwanger's] from Frederick - Capt. ____'s from Rockingham - and Capt. Foreman's from Hampshire, and also some other companies, and marched to what was then called Fort Pitt. From thence we went down the Ohio by water, to Fort Wheeling, and from thence we marched by land to Point Pleasant. He was present at the Point, when the Indian King Cornstalk was killed, - and two other Indians and a white man who had married Cornstalk's daughter, were also killed. He was privy to all the particulars of that affair. He had volunteered for 6 months, but our service being no longer necessary, we were discharged at the end of four months, leaving only a guard at the Point. We were not commanded by a field officer, except for a short time, by Genl. Hand. His discharges are all lost or destroyed.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

In presence of.

S/ John Prince

S/ Henry Aleshite, X his mark

S/ John Ruffner

S/ Adams [illegible last name]

[Christopher Keyser, a clergyman, and John Keyser gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Page County to wit

This day John C Aleshire personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn says that Henry Aleshire served a tour of 18 months in the service of the United States and marched to Miller's Town (now Woodstock) in January 1778.

Given under my hand this 13th September 1833

S/ Wm M. Robertson

[p 16: very faint document]

Page County Virginia 11th of June 1833

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Joseph Sampson¹ who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Henry Aleshire served [too faint to discern] months in the Militia as a draft in the spring of the year and part of the summer 1781 in a company commanded by Captain Jacob Pennywit and Regiment by Colonel James Slaughter, General Stevens Brigade [one or more words illegibly faint] I cannot recollect the [illegibly faint text] we marched being hard-pressed day and night by the enemy, he was discharged in the latter part of July the same year at the Mobbin Hills the day of the month I cannot recollect.

He the said Henry Aleshire also served a tour of [illegibly faint] months the same year commencing the latter end of July in the company commanded by Captain Litchfield Sharp and Regiment by Colonel Elias Edmonds [illegibly faint text for several lines].

Given under my hand this 11th day of June 1833

S/ Jacob Strole [JP]

Page County Virginia to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Keyser who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that Henry Aleshire Senr. Served the above named Tours of duty as specified in the above certificate.

Given under my hand this 18th day of June 1833

¹ [Joseph Sampson S7453](#)

S/ Jacob Strole

[p 18: William A Harris, clerk of the Page County court, gave testimony that he prepared the pension application of Henry Aleshite Senr.; That in so doing he used the German spelling of the name which can also be spelled Aleshidt. That as pronounced, the name is more commonly shown as Aleshire than Aleshite. That he knows that the affiants Joseph Sampson, John Keyser and John C Aleshire were all referring to the same person, i.e. Henry Aleshite, Aleshidt, Alshire.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line and militia.]