

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Downie S38666

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State of Tennessee }

Blount County } This 22nd June 1818 before me Wm Gant one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions and Court of Quorum the same being a Court of record for the State and County aforesaid personally appears Alexander Downie aged seventy seven years and resident in said County who being by me first duly sworn doth upon his oath in due form of law make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the late act of congress to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war doth upon his oath make the following declaration To wit that he said Alexander Downie as well as he recollects in the Month of May in the year 1778 in the County of Kent in the State of Maryland enlisted a soldier in the regular army of the United States for during the war in the company of Captain Joseph Johnson the same being a company attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> Maryland regiment Commanded by Colonel [John Eager] Howard and a part of Brigadier General Smallwoods [William Smallwood's] Brigade that he served the United States until the peace was made when he was discharged from said service at Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] Maryland having served between four and five years That he was in the Battles of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] at the Siege of Ninety Six [SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and the battle of the Eutaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and that he was in a skirmish at Elizabeth New York [probably Elizabethtown, New Jersey, 25 Jan 1780] under the Command of [William Alexander,] Lord Stirling and Colonel Howard That the Americans were chased by the British into a swa[mp] the water of which was covered with ice and his legg received wounds by the ice of which he has ever since been disabled

that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for supp[ort] That he has no other evidence in his power but his own oath that he knows of his service that his discharge is lost That he has never been a pensioner of the United States or any State for his said service and releases a[ll] claim except under the above recited act Sworn to and declared before me the dat above Wm. Gantt Judge as aforesaid Alexander Downie hisXmark

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, April 30<sup>th</sup> 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Alexander Downey enlisted as a Private in the Fifth Maryland Regiment, on the Twentieight day of May 1778 and was discharged on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1779 when the applicant Reenlisted

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