

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Copeland W9395

Rebecca Copeland f42SC

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: SS

On this third day of November in the year of our Lord 1847 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County Rebecca Copeland a resident of Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina aged about ninety-two years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Alexander Copeland deceased who was a private in the militia of South Carolina during the War of the Revolution: That at the beginning of the said war her husband the aforesaid Alexander Copeland was living in what is now Spartanburg District South Carolina: That from old age of memory of this Declarant will not enable her to speak positively as to the names and ranks of his Officers or to specify the particular periods of her husband's services or the different engagements in which he took a part or the Countries through which he passed during said War. That she has no Documentary evidence in support of her claim, and does not know what has become of his Discharge. That his Officers in the militia were those who had charge of Earle's Fort on North Pacolet River in South Carolina and one of his Captains during his service she recollects was Captain David McDowell of the militia. That her husband the aforesaid Alexander Copeland served in what was then called the Rangers engaged in keeping down the Indians and guarding the Frontier of South Carolina: That the only battle she is certain he was in was that of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] in Spartanburg District South Carolina. That he never received any wounds: That this Declare herself had frequently seen Alexander Copeland scouting after the Indians and Tories previous to their marriage: That he the aforesaid Alexander Copeland, her husband, served in the militia on tours of duty from time to time during the War: That this Declarant recollects his receiving his wages for his service after the close of the War That John Bingham and John Goin lived neighbors to this Declarant & her said husband after the war and that they received for said Copeland the pay of his indents: She further declares that she was married to the said Alexander Copeland in the year 1777 by John Tigert Justice of the Peace at the Cowpens by agreement: That most of her husband's services was performed after the marriage: That a circumstance she well recollects was that when the guns were firing in the battle at Kings Mountain she was at her father in laws house Mr. Charles Copeland in York District South Carolina, about three miles from Broad River, and that one of her husband's brothers had this declarant's second child in his arms in the yard and called this Declarant to come and hear the guns: Then another circumstance she recollects is that Mrs. Nancy Wilson stayed all night with this Declarant during the war when her said husband was out in the service: That her

husband the aforesaid Alexander Copeland died on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1836 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me  
S/ J. H. Alley, JP

S/ Rebecca Copeland, X her Mark

[p 5: On November 3, 1849 in Rutherford County North Carolina Elizabeth Giles, formerly Copeland, gave testimony that her father Alexander Copeland hired John Bingham to collect the money due him for his services in the war; and that her mother due to old age has become greatly impaired. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 7: On December 4, 1849 in Rutherford County North Carolina, William Copeland, 62, testified that he found in his father's old books the births of his 2 oldest children recorded therein in his father's handwriting; to wit, James Copeland their oldest was born September 17th 1778 and Charles Copeland the 2nd child was born August 24 1780; that he cannot now find said records.

*On the fourth day of*  
*William Copeland* ]

[p 18: On March 1, 1851, in Spartanburg district South Carolina, Jane McMillan, 81 gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Lafford French, William French, Simon French, Hugh Moore, William Moore, James Alexander who were neighbors and companions in arms with Alexander Copeland during the revolutionary war; that she well knew Rebecca Copeland, the wife of Alexander Copeland; that they were married and she well recollects in 1777 or 1778; that Alexander Copeland and his family were members of the Presbyterian Church; that John Bingham was the nephew of Alexander Copeland. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 29: Certificate dated February 26, 1850 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office in Columbia listing the indents payable to Alexander Copeland for service in the militia during the revolution including an indent for 67 pounds 14 shillings and 3 pence for 474 days duty in the militia in 1780 & 1781; reference is made to having served in the Col. Roebuck's Regiment since the fall of Charleston.

Comptroller Genl's Office  
Columbia S.C.  
Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1880.

2.  
No 65 Alex. Copeland.

Issued this twenty-sixth day of June 1792 to Alexander Copeland for sixty seven pounds 14s 3 sterling being for four hundred and seventy four days duty in the militia in 1780 & 1781 with int. from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1783

2.  
No 65 £67. 14. 3 principal

4. 14. 9 Ann Int. Re? Charleston this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1792 from Will<sup>m</sup>. Hort Treasurer this indent agreeable to the above cheque by virtue of a certificate from the Comptroller on Public Accounts No 124, and by an order from the said Copeland filed in this Office (Signed) John Bingham

No 3450  
Book X

Issued 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1786 to Mr. Alexander Couplin for £3. 12. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> duty in Roebuck's Regiment pap audited  
No. 114. Annual interest £0. 5. 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

3450

X No 114

3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 86. Alex. Couplin for militia duty since the fall of

Charleston in Roebuck's Regiment p Anderson's return  
Sty £ 3. 12. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> -

Stat off. Carolina

To Alexander Couplin  
for militia duty in Roebuck's Regt. since the fall of Charleston p Anderson's return amty to amount £5. 10. 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy taken from the Records of this Office  
J. Comptroller Genl.  
W. J. Arthur

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$64.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service of 16 months & 10 days as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Alexander Copeland  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1471A  
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[p 2: The only document left in this file is the Indent No. 65 Book A dated June 26, 1792 delivered to Alexander Copeland for 474 days duty in the Militia in 1780 and 1781. Based on the documents that were in this file when the widow applied for her pension, it is obvious that documents have been removed from the file and are no longer available.]

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.