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Virginia Rejected Claim of James Ailstock VAS1056

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The petition of James and Charles Alestock [VAS1056] are present to the executive upon the affidavits of John Thomason [sic: John Thomasson, pension application S6216] and Abraham H. Davis. Both these gentlemen are from the County of Louisa – and their veracity is unquestionable. they are known to me.

Benj'n. F. Michie

I do hereby certify that I enlisted some time in the year 1776 as a private in the 3rd Regiment of Virginia Troops on Continental establishment in the War of the Revolution commanded by Colo. George Weeden [sic: George Weedon] of Fredericksburg and Col. Thomas Marshal [sic: Thomas Marshall] and soon after I enlisted, I was marched to the North. James Ailstock & Charles Ailstock of the county of Louisa, with whom I was well acquainted, enlisted in the same regiment under Thomas Johnson who commanded a Company in the same, and marched with me to the north. The said James & Charles Ailstock were with me in the engagement which took place at Haarlem Heights [sic: Harlem Heights, 16 Sep 1776] in the State of New York and behaved well. They were also with me in the battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] Princetown [Princeton, 3 Jan 1777] & Brandywine [11 sep 1777]. How long they continued in service, I do not know, but they were to the best of my recollection with me more than two years. After the battle of Brandywine, the Army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge in the State of New Jersey [sic: Pennsylvania], and during the same winter, I enlisted in the Cavalry commanded by Col. Wm Washington [William Washington] when I was marched to the South, and never afterward saw or heard of James & Charles Ailstock. They did not return to this County, nor have they, that I know of, ever been heard of, and it was the general impression that they were either killed or died in the service of the Country. As well as I recollect the 3^d Regiment was enlisted for three years. I am a pensioner of the U. States in consideration of my services in the Rev War. Abraham H X [his mark] Davis

Virginia/ Louisa County, to wit:

This day Abraham H. Davis aged eighty six years appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid and acknowledged the above certificate on oath to be true. Given under my hand & seal this 3^d day of August 1832.

E. Pendleton

I John Thomason of the County of Louisa do hereby certify that two of the sons of Michael Alesocke whose christian names I do not now recollect enlisted in the same company of Regular soldiers with myself I think it was in the year 1776. It was the first regular company raised in the County commanded by Cap. Thomas Johnson. I do not recollect the term of service for which we enlisted. I think it was for five years or during the war. Some others say it was for only two years and I cannot be certain. I hired a substitute a few months after and returned home – and do not know how long the Alestocks continued in service. I am about eighty years old.

Louis County to wit. This day John Thomason personally appeared before me and made oath that the above certificate is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this 19th of April 1833.

Benj. B. Duke J. P.

NOTE: The 1830 federal census of Mason County KY lists “Charles Hailstock” as a free person of color.