

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to David Alley VAS1969

Elizabeth Alley

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Henrico County Legislative Petitions

To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates

The petition of Elizabeth Alley, most humbly Sheweth that your petitioner's late husband, David Alley deceased Enlisted as a Soldier in the service of the United States on the 7th day of August 1780 for the term of Eighteen Months – that he continued in the said Service pursuant to his Enlistment until the 17th day of January's 1781 when he was attacked with a Complaint of which he died, leaving your petitioner with a family of seven [?]¹ small children all of whom were incapable of assisting your petitioner in procuring the necessaries of life – your petitioner is not only in Indigent circumstances but also aged and Infirm, and consequently unable to procure those comforts without which life is only a misery and being until very lately entirely Ignorant of that provision which the policy and Virtue of the Laws established at that eventful period at which her deceased Husband was induced to enter into the Service of his Country, has never sought any relief at the hands of the Commonwealth and now humbly prays that your Hon. House will take her case into Consideration and allow her such Annual pension or other reasonable support as to your wisdom and Justice shall seem right and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Eliz. Alley's Petn.

30 October 93

Claims

Rejected

reviewed

19 G^{re} 93

Henrico County

October Court 1793

Elizabeth Alley appeared before the Court, as the Widow of David Alley, a soldier, who died whilst in the Continental service during the late American War to prove her marriage with the said decedent: Whereupon William Alley & Peter Cottrell being sworn, deposed, that in the lifetime of the said Decedent, they were well acquainted with him and the said Elizabeth – that they lived together as man and wife for upwards of 20 years, and it was generally admitted and

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reputed that they were married, having never heard any report to the contrary of such a received opinion, Which is ordered to be certified.

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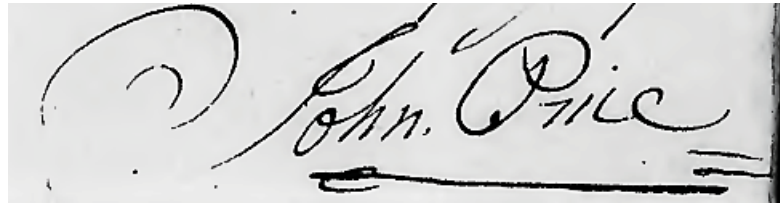
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S/ Adam Craig C H C

I do hereby Certify that David Alley was inlisted by me for a Division in Henrico County in August 1780 & I Delivered him to Col. Turner Southall and his widow Elizabeth Alley is now A Living.

Given under my hand this the 18th day of July 1793

S/ John Price

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Price". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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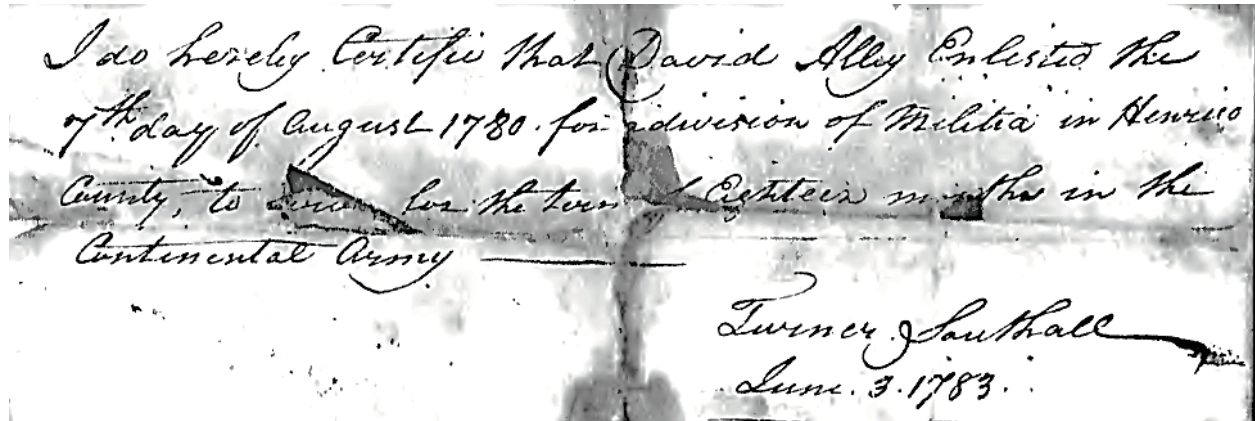
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S/ Sally Anderson

I do hereby Certify that David Alley Enlisted the 7th day of August 1780 for a division of Militia in Henrico County to Serve for the term of Eighteen months in the Continental Army –

S/ Turner Southall

June 3, 1783

A handwritten certificate in cursive script. The text reads: "I do hereby Certifie that David Alley Enlisted the 7th day of August 1780 for a division of Militia in Henrico County, to serve for the term of Eighteen months in the Continental Army". Below the text is a signature "Turner Southall" and the date "June 3. 1783.".

Henrico SS

Priscilla Alley this day made Oath before me that as well as she remembers the above named David Alley, died the 17th day of January following his Enlistment, and at the time of his death he was in the Service of the Continent as a Soldier. Given under my hand this 2nd day of August 1783

S/ Turner Southall

N. B. A Certificate is Wanting from some Officer in the Army that the within Soldier received no pay

S/ B. Harkins