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Virginia documents pertaining to Alexander Childers VAS1973
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To the General Assembly of Virginia,
The Petition of Alexander Childers of Henrico County a soldier of the Revolution, who served his Country faithfully in her struggle against Great Brittain for Independance, and obtained an honorable discharge, begs leave humbly to represent: That your Petitioner is now Eighty two years old, and totally unable to obtain for himself and his family a support; he having a wife and seven children three of whom are too small to render any service. Your Petitioner is very poor, has been crippled by having one of his thighs broke, and has not been able since to walk at all without crutches: Your Petitioner it is true, receives a pention from the General Government [see endnote] which is entirely inadequate to the support of himself and his wife and seven children; Your Petitioner, while he was in a situation to labor ast no aid from his native State, and regrets exceedingly that his age and infirm crippled condition, compels him now to throw himself upon the generosity of the Representatives of the people and to ask some assistance at their hands, which it is hoped and believed your commisseration for a poor old soldier can never allow them to refuse. Your Petitioner prays that your Honorable body will afford him such relief, as in your justice you may deem reasonable, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray
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We the undersigned are near neighbours and acquaintances of Mr. Alexander Childress who is an old Revolutionary Soldier and is now upwards of Eighty years old, is a very poor man, and having had two or three wives, has now four small children neither of whom is able to do any thing in aid of themselves or their aged father Mr Childers has about [blank] years ago, had one of his thighs broken since which he has not been able to walk at all without crutches, and has not been able to do any thing whatever since which would benefit himself or his family and has nothing to support himself and his helpless family but the pention allowed him by the General Government which is in our opinion very insufficient to support him.

Acquaintances

Neal McCurdey

Royal hisXmarke Jones
John Lindsey

George Gill
Elijh Lindsey

Caleb Frayser
Francis hisXmarke Parker

Dec'r. 11th 1833 ref'd to C[lai]ms/ 1834 Jany 7th Rejected/ 8 Reported

NOTE: The only known federal pensioner with a name similar to that of the present petitioner was Alexander Childress W10604 of Henrico County, who stated that he was about 63 at the time of his application on 9 June 1818.