

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Skinner BLWt1131-400

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Warrant No. 1131 issued to Richard Skinner &c heirs of Surgeon Alexander Skinner of the Virginia line August 15, 1825

Washington City

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said City General Philip Stewart [?]¹ who being duly sworn says that he was a Lieutenant in Colonel W. Washington's Regiment of Cavalry during the war of the Revolution and he says that he was well and intimately acquainted with Doctor Alexander Skinner a Surgeon of Lee's Legion both during said war of the revolution and subsequent he says that the said scanner was from Calvert County in the State of Maryland where he understood that he was born he believes that the said Skinner lived and died a single & unmarried man and further he saith not.

July 27, 1825

S/ Israel Little, JP

State of Maryland Calvert County: I Richard Skinner one of the heirs at law of Doctor Alexander Skinner Deceased late a surgeon in the Army of the Revolution do upon oath testify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the said Doctor Alexander Skinner was a Surgeon in the Army of the Revolution and that he continued therein to the close of the war. And I further testify and declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land to which the said scanner was entitled nor do I believe that any of my Co heirs have ever received said warrant or that either them were disposed of it to any one neither have I ever disposed of it. Also I am induced to believe that the said Alexander Skinner during his lifetime never received said land or disposed of the same.

Therefore know all men by these presents that I Richard Skinner as aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Joseph Watson of Washington City my true and lawful attorney...[boilerplate power of attorney language not transcribed]...

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th of July 1825

Witness

S/ Basil Simmons

S/ Richard Skinner



¹ Philip Stewart

State of Maryland Calvert County

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County ___ aged ___ and a person of credibility who being duly sworn saith that ___ was acquainted with Doctor Alexander Skinner who as ___ believes was a surgeon in the Army of the revolution. That he had neither brother or sister being an illegitimate child and his mother Ann Skinner never married or had any other child. That ___ was well and intimately acquainted with the family of the said Ann Skinner there being for brothers and 5 sisters that none of the sisters ever married or had any children except the before named Alexander by the said Ann. That of the 4 Brothers 3 of which (viz.) Henry, Robert and Maryland Skinner married and left families, but says that all of the brothers and sisters of the said Ann and herself also have long since been dead. That of the 3 brothers who married they all of them left children, but it is believed that there are none of the children of Henry living at this day they however married or at least a part of them and left children of the children of Robert one of which Richard Skinner is now living and in the same neighborhood with the family formally resided. ___ Knows not whether any more of the Brothers or sisters of the said Richard Skinner are now living. – Of the said Maryland Skinner family he left only one child a daughter who married James Wilson. She is also dead having one child a son named Hilliry Wilson who ___ is informed is also dead & left several children and further saith not. Sworn and subscribed before made this 12th day of July 1825.

[no evidence that this affidavit was ever signed]

State of Maryland Calvert County: I Bazel Simmons a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and aged 64 years do hereby certify that I from my earliest infancy was raised in this neighborhood and that I had some slight personal acquaintance with Doctor Alexander scanner who I have long understood was a surgeon in the Army of the Revolution. I was acquainted with his mother's family they living until the time of their death in my immediate neighborhood. The doctor was an illegitimate son of Ann Skinner and had no Brothers order Sisters she never having married. The said Ann had for Brothers and as many Sisters none of said Sisters were married or had any children and 3 other brothers married and had children (viz.) Henry, Robert and Maryland. All of the Brothers and Sisters of Ann the mother of the said Doctor Skinner are long since dead also there are none of the children now living that I know of the said Henry Robert & Maryland except Richard the person who executed the foregoing power of attorney before me & is my next neighbor. Several of the children of Henry, Robert & Maryland married and left children.

Certified by me this 12th of July 1825

S/ Basil Simmons, JP

State of Maryland Calvert County: Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Sarah Hance a person of credibility who being duly affirmed – saith that she is now upwards of eighty years old that she in infancy was acquainted with Doctor Alex^r Skinner and went to the same school with him, that she at that time understood him to be an illegitimate child of Ann Skinner and he was known & recognized as such. She says that she was at that time well acquainted with the Brothers and Sisters of the said Ann but the precise number or names of them all she does not at this time remember. She says that all of the Services of the said Ann and herself also died single and unmarried and none of them had any children except the said Alexander Skinner. That of the Brothers of the said Ann 2 or 3 of them married and left children but that she knows not whether any of the children of said Brothers are

at this day living except Richard Skinner one of the sons of Robert Skinner who is about her age and cousin to the said Alexander. She feels confident that all of the uncles and aunts of the said Alexander have long since been dead and further she saith not.

Affirmed before me a Justice of the Peace for Calvert County this 13th day of July 1825.
S/ Edward Wood S/ Sarah Hance, X her mark

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I do Certify that Mr. Alexander Skinner served Seven years successively in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment as a Regimental surgeon

S/ Henry Lee Junior
late Lt. Col. Com. H. Legion

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Richmond
June 21st 84

Henry Lee Junior
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