

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Whitaker R11392

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State of Illinois Alexander County: SS

I Alexander Whitaker of the County of Alexander in the State of Illinois a Revolutionary Soldier of the United States aged eighty-seven years on the 31st day of August last past in order to avail myself of the benefit of the Acts of the Congress of the United States of America passed for the relief of the Soldiers & Officers who served in the Army of the United States in the War of the Revolution make the following declaration to wit That I listed [sic, enlisted] as a private & a volunteer at the age of 18 years for three months in the Company of Captain Daviss whose Christian name I do not recollect, nor do I recollect the Regiment or the commanding officer thereof, but the company in which I listed was under the command of General George Sumpter. I listed in the month of August in the year 1769 to the best of my recollection. In the company under Captain Daviss, I served three months, and then entered as a volunteer into the company of Captain William Wilson for another three months who was under the command of General Gates. In said Wilson's company I served three months also -- after which last named three months I listed for the term of twelve months as a private in the company under the command of Captain Jesse Nighten under General __ Morgan in which last named Company I served eleven months & nine days when I was honorably discharged & received such discharge in writing from General Morgan which I gave into the hands of Captain Nighten to take home who lost it & I have never found it since. I entered the service as above stated in Captain Daviss's Company at town of Salisbury Rowan County in the State of North Carolina in Captain Wilson's Company at the same place & state. In Captain Nighten's Company at the house of one Ramsour on the Catawba River in the same state -- & I was discharged in same state at a place on said River called the Horse shoe. Whilst in the service I was in the battle at the Hanging Rock in South Carolina -- in the battle at Gates defeat on Silver Creek in South Carolina -- & in the battle at the Cowpens South Carolina. I was born in North Carolina on the Yadkin River -- & lived in that State about one year after the close of the Revolutionary War when I moved into the County of Muhlenberg in the State of Kentucky -- & from the State of Kentucky I moved in the years 1821 in to Alexander County in the State of Illinois where I have ever since lived & where I now live. The Companies in which I served as above stated belonged to the revolutionary Army of the United States of America -- & the services as above stated as having been rendered by me were rendered in the war of the Revolution. I have never yet applied for or received any pension from

the United States. Captain Nighten died in Kentucky many years ago & I do not at this time know of any person living by whom I can prove the foregoing services.

Subscribed & sworn to this 16th of October in the year 1838 Before me

S/ L. B. Lisusher, JP

S/ Alexander Whitaker, W his mark

[George Cloud and Jeremiah Newman gave an extensive affidavit as to the character, age and reputation in the neighborhood of the claimant as a soldier of the revolution.]