

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry H. Alvis R168

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State of Virginia } S.S.

County of Patrick }

On this 18th day of March 1836 personally appeared before the County Court of Patrick now sitting Henry H. Alvis a resident of the County of Patrick in the state of Virginia, aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with Capt. Samuel Tinsley and served in the Redgiment Commanded by Colo. Henry Gater, of the Continental line, and under the following named Officers: Henry Gater—Commandant of the Redgiment, Samuel Tinsley Capt. Lieutenant Cobb, Sergent Sawney Henderson, this affiant having enlisted under the aforesaid Officers embarked on board of a vessel at Richmond and sailed round to St. Marys River upon the border of Florida, and forted up and was stationed there for three years, it being the full term for which he enlisted in Richmond Virginia, that he was in no engagement or battle during the time he was stationed on St. Marys River, but was in constant dread of an attack from the Creek and other Tribes of hostile Indians inhabiting that Section of Country, he was born and resided in the County Goochland and State of Virginia and resided there at the time he enlisted, that he returned when discharged by Colo. Gater (which discharge he has lost not supposing it would be of any service to him) from St. Marys River, by land through Georgia, South Carolina and through Salisbury NC Carolina across Dan River into Virginia thence to his native County Goochland where he Resided. having lost his discharge he has no documentary evidence by which his service can be proven, nor does he know of any living witness of whose testimony he could avail himself, that he was born as before stated in the County of Goochland, and lived there several years after peace was made and moved to the County of Fluvannah [sic: Fluvanna] in the state of Virginia where he also remained several years, then moved to the County of Pittsylvania, then he moved into the county of Patrick Virginia, where he now resides, that owing to the fact of his being a very old man and of a weak memory, he would not feel justified in stating many particulars of his service having been forted up during a greater portion of his time on St. Marys River upon the borders of the Spanish Province. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of any agency, or of any State.

Henry H. hisXmarch Alvis

State of Kentucky }

Monroe County } S.S.

On the 22nd day of May 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Monroe County Court Henry H. Alvis of said County and State. Aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law Doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he enlisted in the Army of the United States (but here he saith from great length of time and a loss of memory he cannot state positively the date when he entered) he believes in the spring of the year of 1778 or 1779 for three years as a private soldier in the Continental line under the Command of Captain Samuel Tinsly and Colonel Henry Gater Said applicant at the time of his enlistment was a resident of Goochland County Virginia but enlisted at Richmond in said State and the Company went by watter from there to the Saint Mary's River in the state of Georgia where they built a fort and never was in any engagement during the service and further does not recollect the Number of the Regiment nor was there any other Company stationed at the Fort except Captain Tinsly's Company nor had he any Superior office except Col. Gater who was Generally with the aforesaid Company until the applicant was Discharged which he well recollect was after the Surrender of Cornwallace [sic:

Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] which discharge was given him by his Captain but whether it was signed by his Captain or Colonel he is at this distant day unable to say as he lost said discharge shortly after. he returned to the State of Virginia he farther states that he served three years in the service of the United States and after he returned to his native state that he removed to different Counties within the State of his nativity The last was the County of Patrick where he made application but now believes the individual whom he employd knew but little about it Therefore he was not successful Since he has removed to the County and State first mentioned and has Drawn his declaration denovo

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state whatever Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Henry hisXmark H Alvis

NOTE: On 26 May 1854 in Monroe County William Alvis, one of the children of Henry H. Alvis, deceased, assigned power of attorney to obtain an increase in his father's pension.