

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Cathey R1807      Margaret A.      fn52NC  
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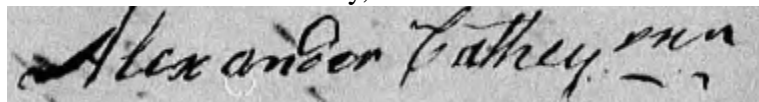
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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

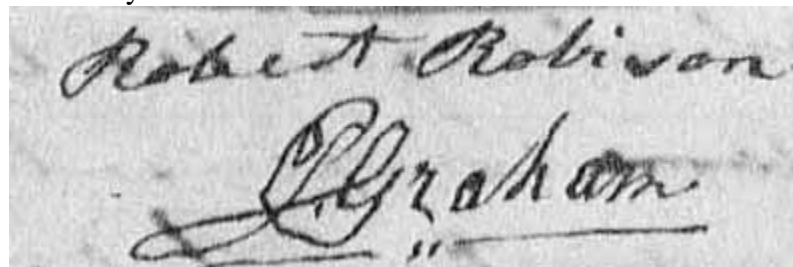
On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Court Sessions of Mecklenburg County and State aforesaid opened and held for the said County and now sitting Alexander Cathey a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina aged between seventy-two and three – being born on the 11th day of September 1759 – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born on the 11th day of September 1759 – and was born about eight miles of Salisbury in Rowan County in the State aforesaid – that he has in his possession a record of his age being truly copied from his father Bible – that when he was about five years of age his father removed to the County of Mecklenburg in which County he has been living ever since – that residing in the same County at and during the revolutionary war he first entered the service of the United States under Captain John McCree – that he was drafted – that the Colonel of his Regiment was Colonel Adam Alexander and the Commanding Officer was General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – that it was for a tour of five months – that we started from the upper part of Mecklenburg at what was then called the painted sapling on the Indian path and joined the main Army at the Quaker Meadows of [indecipherable word or words] or the pleasant gardens on the Catawba [River] – and that he served the whole of this tour which was in the year 1776. That in 1779 he was again drafted under Captain Bromfield for five months in the States Troop of North Carolina – that his Colonel was Francis Locke and the Commanding Officer was General Rutherford – that he marched from Charlotte in ten miles of Charleston and from there to Blumensburg [sic, Purrysburg?] on Savannah River where he was joined with other forces – who was the commanding officer there he does not recollect – and that after his return into North Carolina he was discharged by Captain Bromfield – which discharge was written but which is lost – that he was a volunteer under General Rutherford at the time the Battle of Ramsour [sic, Ramsour's Mill] – that according to the best of his recollection John Sharp was his Captain – that during this tour he served six weeks – that this tour was in the year 17\_\_ – that he again was a volunteer under Captain Brandon mounted Riflemen when Cornwallis entered Charlotte – his Commanding officer was at that time Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] – this was in

the year 1780 and was engaged in the fight or skirmish that took place in that village – That he again was out as a volunteer under Captain Bromfield on a two months tour – that during this period his commanding officer was General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] – his Colonel was Robert Irwin during this tour he was in the Battle of the Hanging Rock – that he was verbally discharged after his services were performed – That he during the war was out to six weeks terms on the borders of South Carolina in the Waxhaw Country – the time he cannot remember once under the command of Captain Tagart [Taggart] – his brother Captain he does not recollect – That in the year 1781 in the months of January and February he again was a volunteer under Major Joseph Graham. That he volunteered under the proclamation of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] who in this emergency had to prevent Cornwallis from passing the Catawba order to impede his progress – made the proclamation that all who would then volunteer for six weeks should be credited to the compensation of volunteers for three months – that after his time was out for the six weeks he was verbally discharged and returned home – declarant further alleges that the whole time he was out during the Revolutionary war was about 16 months and two weeks – that he has no documentary evidence that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war that as to his services during said – and as to his character for veracity he refers to the certificates of Joseph Graham Hannah Robert Robison [sic] herein after set forth. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Alexander Cathey, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander Cathey, Senior". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

We Joseph Graham<sup>1</sup> a resident of Lincoln and Robert Robinson<sup>2</sup> of the County of Mecklenburg hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Alexander Cathey who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration – that we believe him to be about 73 years of age – that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolutionary war and we concur in that opinion – Robert Robinson further swears that he believes the said Cathey to have served in the same tour with him for five months under General Rutherford in 1776 as declared – and Joseph Graham further certifies that Alexander Cathey was a soldier of the revolution about the year 1781 – at the time General Davidson was killed at Cowans Ford.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Robert Robison" and the bottom signature reads "Joseph Graham". Both are written in dark ink on aged paper.

[fn p. 10: on January 26, 1841 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Margaret Cathey, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Alexander Cathey, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him April 15, 1786; that her husband died November 9, 1839.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Robert Robison S7426](#)

[fn p. 19: family record (pages out of order):

Alexander Cathey was born September the 11 in the year of our Lord 1759

Margaret Allen Cathey was born January the three in the year of our Lord 1768

Esther Cathey was born March the 15th day of our Lord 1787

Matilda Cathey was born February the 16th day of our Lord 1789

Nancy Allen Cathey was born October 6 1790

Francis Cathey was born December the 9 in the year of our Lord 1792

John Cathey was born March the 9 in the year of our Lord 1795

George Cathey was born March the 24 in the year of our Lord 1797

Josiah Alexander Cathey was born June the 9 in the year of our Lord 1799

Martha Ford was born the year 1795 February 210

Nancy Allen Cathey was born February the 20 in the year of our Lord 1822

Mary Mase was born September the 15th in the year of our Lord 1823

William Albary was born September the 3 in the year of our Lord 1825

James Anderson Kathy was born in November 5 in the year of our Lord 1827

Peter Fite was born the year of our Lord 1815 August 15<sup>th</sup>

Jane H peggy Waddle was born January the 4th in the year of our Lord 1805

Sinthy Waddle was born July the 2 in the year of our Lord 1808

John Smith Waddle was born December the 17th in the year of our Lord 1810

Frances Waddle was born December the 1 in the year of our Lord 1812

Alexander Waddle was born the 30 day of December 1813

William Waddle was born the 14 day of December 1818

George C Cathey & Nancy A. Cathey was married December 5th in the year of our Lord 1839

Saro elisbeth Cathey was born March the 18 day of our Lord 1843 and died 7 of April

Sarh A. Cathy was Born April 8 the year of our Lord 1828

William A Cathey & Sarah A Cathey was married January 16th in the year of our Lord 1845

Sarah A Cathey was born February 25th in the year of our Lord 1821 and married January 16th  
1845

[Veteran's widow died in Mecklenburg County in late September 1842 according to the testimony of Dr. James C. Rudisill, her attending physician—fn p. 46]

The widow's application appears to have been rejected because she filed under the 1838 act which, according to a letter in the file, because her husband died in 1839, did not provide for pensions for such widows.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months and six days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]