

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Austin R314¹

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Alabama

At a County Court began and held for the County of Lawrence in the State aforesaid at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the second Monday in March 1826 was present the Honorable Peter W. Taylor Esq. Judge

Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the act of 18th of March 1818 Lawrence County aforesaid on the day and year aforesaid personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County having been expressly made a Court of record by the Law creating said Court Alexander Austin resident in said County aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of 18th of March 1818 and first May 1820 that he said Alexander Austin enlisted on what day month or year he does not recollect in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Dickson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] in the brigade commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the Army of the United States for and during the war, when he was discharged, from service in the State of North Carolina being then under the command of General Rutherford after having served two years he was made Lieutenant and continued to hold the office of Lieutenant for some years and until discharged, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of North Carolina so far as affiant knows though he was in different states among the term of his service and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension to wit that [he] did not wish to call on his Country for a support as long as it could be avoided he was in the battles at Ramshours hill [Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780] between the Whigs and the Tories and at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and in pursuance of the act of 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and which is as follows--

a set of plates
two pots

¹ Ben Rubin points out that this veteran is almost certainly the same man as [Alexander Aston R286](#)

an oven
and skillet
a common dining Table
and eight chairs

S/ Alexander Austin²

His occupation is that of a Saddler and from old age and debility he is not able to labor at his business or any other business so as to be able to support himself; his family is a wife and two children his wife is about 71 years old and not able to support herself from illness and debility having been in bad health for the last three years, one of the children is a girl very sickly and of weak mind she is about 32 years of age and not able to support herself the other child is a man of about the age of 25 years and is very illy able to support himself though he is now supporting himself by teaching school that since 18th of March 1818 that there has been but little alteration in his property and nothing except loss and consumption and that he has lost his discharge.

S/ Alexander Austin

² The signature of the veteran on this document is in the identical handwriting with the balance of the application and consequently, I do not believe that it is his actual signature but rather the signature of the scribe indicating that the veteran did sign the application.