

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Albritton R72

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The State of Alabama, Wilcox County: October the 31<sup>st</sup> 1832

Personally appeared in open Court before the honorable PT Harris Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting in said County Matthew Albritton, a resident of said State & County aged about seventy six 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated.

He entered the Service in the Spring of the year 1782 under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Colonel Lightle or Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and Major Redden Blount [Reading Blount], and under Captain Thomas Evans & Lewis Bush, that at the time he entered the Service he resided in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina and was drafted into the eighteen months service, after he commenced the Service he rendezvoused first at Kingston [sic, Kinston] on the Neuse River in said State, from thence he marched to Wilmington from thence under the Command of Colonel Lytle to George Town [sic, Georgetown] in South Carolina from thence to Ashley Hill on Ashley River in said State where he joined the Main Army of General Greene and remained stationed there for the space of three or four months, from thence he marched with Greene's Army to James Island, where he remained until the close of the war. He states that he was acquainted [with] Captains Sharp [Anthony Sharpe], Hadley [Joshua Hedley], & Hall, of the regular Army, he was also acquainted with Captain Revelee [?] from Maryland, who was also under the Command of General Greene. He further states that the whole Term of the service which he performed was about thirteen months. The time for which he engaged had not expired at the time when he was discharged. Immediately before he was discharged he was marched to a place called the Ten Mile Springs ten miles from Charleston, where he received a conditional discharge, which was to be final if he should not be again called on. His discharge was signed by Captain Benjamin Coleman, who was his Captain at the time he arrived at Ashley Hill until he was discharged, and also by Colonel Lytle – he has now no documentary evidence of his service, having lost his discharge. He does not now remember any further particulars which might be serviceable in the investigation of his Claim, many of the incidents connected with his services and his sufferings have it in the lapse of years measurably faded from his memory.

S/ Mathew Albritton, X his mark

The following interrogatories by the Court

1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina. I have no record of my age but from traditionary information he was [born] about the year 1750 [could be 1758].

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

A: I have no record.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: When I entered the Service, I lived in Pitt County North Carolina – a few years after the revolution I removed to the State of Georgia, then years after I moved into South Carolina, Newberry District, where I resided until the year 1827 – when I removed to this State I now live in Wilcox County Alabama.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

A: I was drafted.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: I was acquainted with General Greene and Colonel Lytle, Major Blount, Captain Coleman and several others of the Regular Army – for the General Circumstances of my service, I refer to the statements contained in the above declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

A: I received a discharge as above Stated signed by Colonel Lytle & Captain Coleman. I cannot now tell what has become of it.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

A: The Rev. Benjamin Delany & James Jenkins

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify the name of Matthew Albritton appears on the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war as a private soldier enlisted on the \_\_\_ in 1782 and Captain Evans's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment for the term of 18 months and that he deserted on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1783.

Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832.

S/ W. Hill

The State of Alabama Wilcox County: October 1832

Personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Judge of the Circuit now sitting Benjamin Hollingshead who being duly sworn upon his oath doth say that he is acquainted with Matthew Albritton who has Subscribed the above declaration, that he entered the service of the United States at the same time with the said Albritton, and continued the same period, and that he knows the statements made by the said Albritton in his declaration to be true.

S/ Benjamin Hollingshead,<sup>1</sup> X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1832

S/ D. A. Smith, Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin Hollingshead S16883](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to Matthew Albrittain  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 73A

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South Carolina Newberry District}

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State aforesaid

The humble petition of the underwritten Subscriber of the district aforesaid: Sheweth that he served as a private Soldier in the State aforesaid thirteen months as an eighteen months Militia man under the command of Captain Benjamin Coleman Colonel Litle [Archibald Lytle of North Carolina] and General Green [Nathanael Greene] in the time of the revolutionary War. And that he was Regularly discharged in parole or writing at the ten Miles Spring in this State and that the said discharge has been long since lost and that he never received any compensation for said Services. That he this petitioner is sixty-three years of age, very infirm and in very indigent circumstances. And therefore prays your Honorable body to take the Case of your humble petitioner into consideration and grant such relief as you may think proper

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1824

Attest:

S/ F. F. Cureton

S/ Mathew Albrittain, X his mark

South Carolina Newberry District} Benjamin Hollingshead appears before me and Swears that he was intimately acquainted with Matthew Albrittain during the latter part of the time of Service set forth in the above petition, and that he verily believes all the facts set forth in said petition to be correct and true. Sworn to before me the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1824

S/ F. F. Cureton, Q U

S/ Benjamin Hollingshead, X his mark

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The committee of claims to whom was referred the Petition of Matthew Albrittain praying compensation for Revolutionary Services beg leave to report

That they have duly considered the same and are of Opinion that the petition of the Petitioner are not Sufficiently vouched and should therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted.

S/ John K Griffin, chairman

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<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.