

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Aldred (Allred) R79

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State of North Carolina, Randolph County

On this 11th day of April 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the acting Justices of the peace and member of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions in and for said County of Randolph, John Aldred, a resident of said County and State aged Eighty two years who being First duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress past June 7, 1832.

That he Entered the services of the United States as private and volunteer of Cavalry under Captain Thomas Doogan [Thomas Dougan, Thomas Dugan] in the spring of seventeen hundred and Eighty one for the purpose of subduing and putting down on Col. Fanning [sic, David Fannin], a Tory and that he served until the next spring which to the best of his Recollection was the Rise of one year. That when he entered the service as aforesaid he was a Resident of Rowan County, North Carolina and Entered the services when he was about seventeen years old age and Received a discharge at the determination of his services which he give to his Father and it is Long since mislaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state. That from old age and infirmity of Body and consequent loss of memory, he cannot state in detail his Revolutionary services as might be expected or required by the rules of the war department and perhaps ought to [have] presented his claim for pension long since and should have done so but for fear of trouble and expense and has solicited the hand of a friend to Edict this Declaration. That from old age and feebleness of Body he is unable to attend court to make his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 11th day of April 1846

S/ Thos. Branson, JP

S/ John Aldred, x his mark

[The unedited version of this application reads as follows:]

Decularation

In order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

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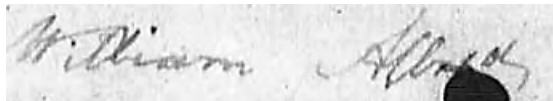
State of North Carolina Randolph County

On this 11th day of April 1846 personally appeared before me Howgil Juliian one of the acting justices of the Peace for said County William Alldred a resident of the said County aged 80 years and made oath in due form of law that he well remembers of John Aldred serving as a Private in Caviley [cavalry] in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War and is under the impression he was under the command of Captain Thomas Doogan and served in the latter part of the War and was after one Colonel Fanning who was opposed to American Liberty and caused great Disturbance in our section of Country but he is unable to say the length of said Aldred's services in the Revolution;

Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of April 1846 Before me

S/ Howgil Julian, JP

S/ William Albred

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Albred", written in dark ink on a light-colored paper background.

June 29, 1846

The application of John Aldred for a pension under the act of 7 June 1832 has been examined and filed. This claim is asserted for a continuous service of 12 mos from Spring of 1781. This could have been rendered only in the Continental Line evidence of which should be found in the office of the Secretary of State of Raleigh. This certificate of the Controller of Public Accounts exhibits where payments made to John Aldred and S. Aldrid amounting to £ 31.3 which would cover a service of nearly 12 mos. The militia service in NC was rendered in tours of 3 months each and were not embodied for so long a period as twelve months at any one time. The Comptrollers certificate therefore affords no evidence of the service as set forth by claimant. Nor does the testimony of the witnesses show that he rendered any service whatever.
S/ Hon Alfred Dockery

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State of North Carolina Randolph County: April 30th, 1846

Personally appeared before me Henry W. Arledge one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Eli Burgess a resident of the said County aged 76 years and made oath in due form of law to wit, that he was well acquainted with John Allred [sic] and he has frequently heard his Brother John Burgess¹ speak of serving under Captain Dugan in company with the said John Allred in said Revolution war and that he is under the impression that the said John Allred was a soldier in the revolution war in the militia but is unable to state the length of time. Sworn and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ Eli Burgess, X his mark

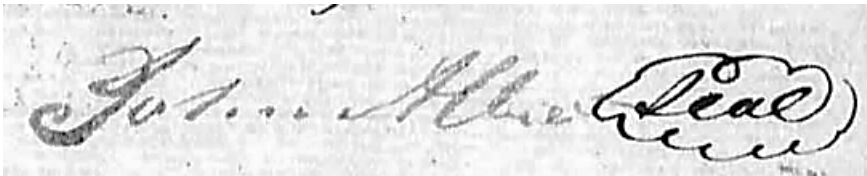
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Raleigh North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I William J. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of John Aldred appears upon the records of this Office as having had the following specie Certificates issued in his name for Military Service Viz. one for Eleven Pounds Two Shillings (£11.2) See Book A No. 11 page 40 Also in the same Book another for Thirteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings (£13.13). Also another in Book No. 10 page 27 Another Certificate was issued in the name of J. Allred for Six Pounds Eight Shillings (£6.8). Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of June A.D. 1846

S/ Wm J. Collins, Compt.

[p 8: Power of attorney dated December 17, 1852 filed in Randolph County North Carolina by John Aldred who states he is one of the sons and heirs of the veteran and his wife, Sarah, both deceased

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely "John Aldred", followed by a circular seal or stamp. The seal contains the word "Seal" in a stylized font. The entire signature and seal are enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

¹ probably the same man as [John Burgess S9295](#)