

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Alexander S10320

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828, I Benjamin Alexander in the County of Monroe, in the State of Alabama, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the third Regiment of the South Carolina line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period I was a private in Captain Field Farrar's company, in the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina line. And I further declare, that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828, on the pension List of the United States.

S/ Benjamin Alexander, X his mark

The State of Alabama Monroe County

Personally appeared before [indecipherable word] H. M. Abney, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Benjamin Alexander, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith that he enlisted for the term of Eighteen months in a company of Rangers attached to the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina line commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson]; that about the expiration of said term of Eighteen months he enlisted under Colonel Thompson in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina line, in a company commanded by Captain Field Farrar, and remained in said company till after the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], after which time he was discharged; and that he does not recollect receiving the certificate for the reward of eighty Dollars mentioned in the act of Congress.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 10th day of November 1828

S/ H. M. Abney, JP {Seal}

S/ Benjamin Alexander, X his mark

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State of Alabama Mobile County

Personally came before me Charles A. Henry Justice of the peace in & for said County Benjamin Alexander a Revolutionary soldier & now upwards of 80 years old who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God states that he was born as he has always understood in Richmond County State of Virginia that his father removed his family from Virginia when he was just old enough to remember it into the State of South Carolina and settled on a Creek called Thompson Creek which ran into the Big Pedee [Pee Dee River] just below the Cheraw Hills. That he resided there when the Revolutionary War broke out, that when he was

about 15 years old he entered as a volunteer in a Company of Rangers commanded by Captain Donaldson [John Donaldson] that Lieutenant Jones [Robison Jones] was one of the subalterns, that each man found his own horse & received \$22 per month, that in this Company he served 18 [could be 10] months and then reenlisted under his old Captain Donaldson for the term of three years as an Infantry soldier in the 3rd Regiment of South Carolina militia that Lieutenants Feld Pharah [sic, Field Farrar¹] & Jones were his subaltern officers Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] commanded the Regiment during this tour Captain Donaldson resigned & Lieutenant F. Pharah became his Captain & continued as such until the close of the war & became discharged this Regiment was called a Regular Continental Regiment -- When he first rendezvoused we marched to Santee [River] near Nelson's ferry, from thence he went to Charleston from thence his Company marched to Haltemaha [Altamaha River] under the command of a General Howe [Robert Howe of NC, then in command of the Southern Department of the Continental Army] from Altamaha they marched towards Augustine [St. Augustine]² but it being in possession of the Enemy they could not get in, he marched back to Charleston from thence to Sunbury from thence to Savannah at Savannah they had a severe engagement & in the platoon in which he stood 12 of the man were shot dead & his Captain Field Pharah wounded in the knee from Savannah he then marched to Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] where they had another severe Engagement & the American party was successful, they then marched into Charleston and remained there during the siege & was among the prisoners when the city was taken [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]³ & he was placed on board a prison ship called the *King George* where he remained fourteen months & four days and was finally exchanged & went to old Jamestown & was placed under the Command of General Lafayette under whose Command he remained until the capture of Lord Cornwallis after which event he was discharged at Little York & retained his discharge until about the year 1827 or 28 when he gave it up to a Lawyer then residing in Claiborne Monroe County [Alabama] by the name of Abney or Abnor to make an application for him at Washington, he recollects distinctly having his discharge & showing it to General Lafayette on his visit to this city in 1824 [last digit unclear] he states that for six months before he was made a prisoner he received no pay & while he was in captivity he received one Dollar one pint of spiritory Ligrey [liqueur?] one shirt & one pair pantaloons and from that period he has never received one cent of pay. He has been about 20 years in this State; was poor & decrepit and asks for the bounty of Government. He further states that after he returned time he again turned out & joined General Marion [Francis Marion] to put down the Tories who were still very troublesome & remained with General Marion Eight or nine weeks.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 27th day of April 1838

S/ Charles A. Henry

S/ Benjamin Alexander, X his mark

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This is to Certify that Benjm. Alexander
A Private in my Company is intitled to his Pay

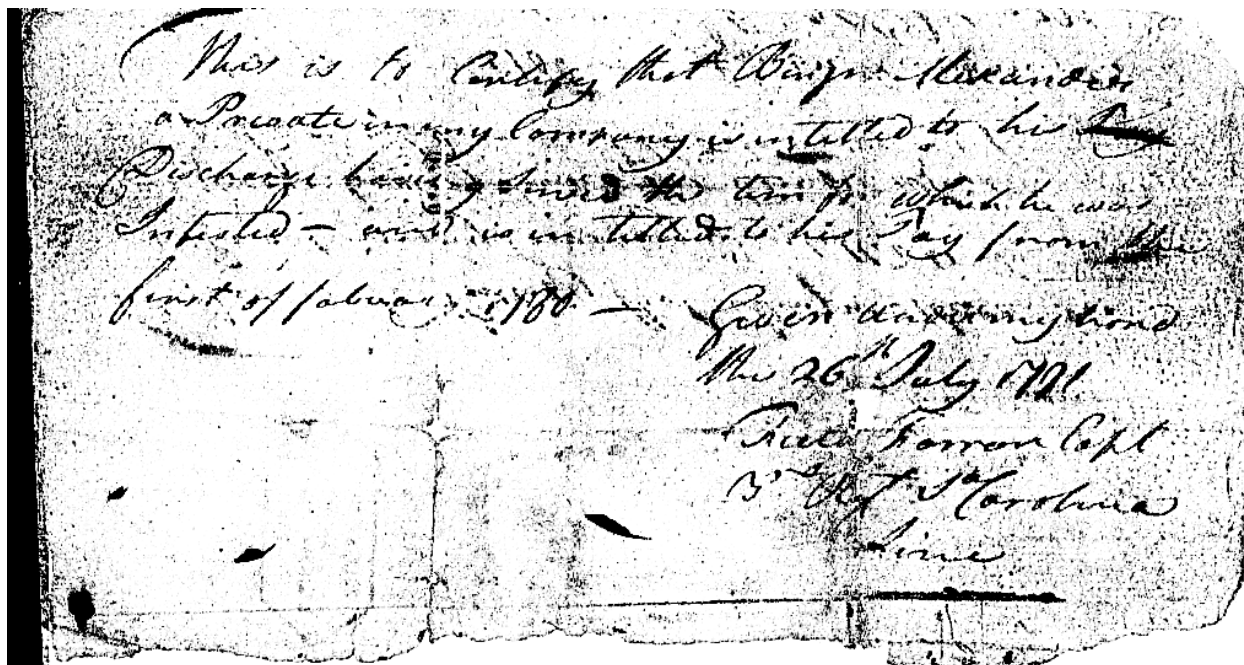
¹ [Field Farrar BLWt70-300](#)

² Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]
<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

³ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

Discharge having served the term for which he was
Inlisted—and is intitled to his Pay from the
first of fabuary 1780.

Given under my h and
the 26th July 1781
S/ Field Farrar
3rd Regt. So. Carolina
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[p 11: On February 5, 1848 in Mobile County Alabama, William Alexander and Obadiah Alexander filed an affidavit in which they stated they are the sons and only children of Benjamin Alexander, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution. William signed with his mark and Obadiah's signature appears as follows:

Obadiah Alexander

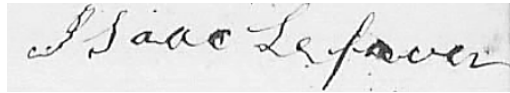
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Personally appeared before me Charles A. Henry Esquire a justice of the peace in & for Mobile County Isaac Lefaver⁴ a citizen of Mobile County who being duly sworn states that he is well acquainted with Mr. Benjamin Alexander who is now present, that he knew him before he went into Captain Donaldson's company & knew him when he went off and when he returned after his discharge from the Army and knows him to be the same person and believes him to be a man of good moral character & every way entitled to full credit on his oath.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of April 1838
S/ Charles A. Henry, JP

⁴ [Isaac Lefever \(Lefaver, Lefevor\) S13726](#)

S/ Isaac Lefaver

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Lefaver". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service in the revolution as a private.]