

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Alcock S15731

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State of Virginia } to wit

Stafford County }

On this 30th day of August 1833 personally appeared before Samuel H. Skinker & Thomas Hill, Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Thomas Alcock, aged about ninety years, who being first duly sworn, 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 served two tours of duty during the Revolutionary War as Lieutenant. The first was in a company of Militia from Caroline County State aforesaid (the County in which he resided) commanded by Philip Buckner Captain, himself Lieutenant & James Kay Ensign. Said Company was ordered into service by Col. Anthony Thornton who commanded the Regiment in said County and marched in May 1777 to the Potomack River when the British Shipping was committing depredations, and remained in service about three months. The second tour was in a company of volunteers raised in the said County commanded by William Marshall Capt. himself first Lieutenant, William Duritt [William Durrett] second Lieutenant & James Key Ensign. Said Company marched from the Courthouse of said County about the first of September 1778 to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], and remained there until January 1779, then was ordered to Little York [Yorktown] which place they marched to and remained there until about the first of October following. Then were ordered to return to Williamsburgh, which place they marched to & were discharged in the same month. The field Officers who commanded were Gen'l Thomas Nelson, Col. [Edward] Carrington & Maj'r. [Jeremiah] Matthews. He recollects of no regular troops being at the places where he served. He 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. He was born in Caroline County State aforesaid, in November 1744. Has a record of his age in his family Bible now in his possession. He lived in Caroline County state aforesaid, when he entered the service, and lived there many years after the War, then moved to Stafford County same state, where he has lived ever since. He received a Commission which was signed by the Governor of Virginia, and is now among his papers, he believes but cannot lay his hands upon it.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid – [signed] Thos. Alcock
[John Sorrell, pension application S6138, deposed that he served in the same company during Alcock's second tour.]

State of Virginia

Stafford County S.S.

On this 11th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me James Briggs a justice of the peace of the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia Thomas Alcock aged about ninety years who being duly sworn deposed & saith, by way of amendment to his Declaration made on the 30th day of August 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods and in the grade mentioned below. That during his first tour of service he served as a Lieutenant for three months in a company of militia from the County of Caroline & state of Virginia commanded by Captain Philip Buckner; and during his second tour of service, mentioned in his said declaration, he served as a Lieutenant for Thirteen months & fifteen days in a company of Volunteers raised in the said County of Caroline & commanded by Captain William Marshall and for the said two tours of service in the Revolutionary War he claims a Pension. And I do hereby certify that the said Thomas Alcock from age and bodily infirmity is unable to

attend the County Court of Stafford or any other Court of record for the purpose of making this affidavit.
Given under my hand & seal in the County of Stafford this 11th day of February 1834 James Briggs