

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Alexander S1893

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State of Tennessee, Maury County

On this 13th day of September, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, William Alexander, a resident of said County of Maury, and State of Tennessee aged 72 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, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – He entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina in the month of May in the year 1780, under one Colonel Higgins [probably a mistaken attempt to identify Lt. Col. John William Hagan whose surname is variously spelled in the pension records as William Haggins, William Heaggins, William Higgins, William Hagins] and Robert McKnight Captain, his service consisted altogether in patrolling the County in watching the Tories; he was out about three or four weeks, in this first tour; the second tour he was under Captain Ligert [probably John or James Ligert], & same Colonel in the same year, was about the same time out for & performing the same duty; the third tour was under the same officers in the same year & 1781, while the British were lying in Charlotte [late September-early October 1780], our duty consisted in watching & hampering the enemy in keeping them from plundering the Country, after this tour, which lasted about three months, he was engaged in assisting in furnishing the Army with supplies of provisions. That in consideration of his services in the American Army at various times during the Revolutionary war he received a warrant for 500 acres of Western lands in his own name from the State of North Carolina which warrant has been perfected into a grant for that amount by the State of Tennessee; which said grant he forwards accompanying this declaration as proof of his said Services; he is unable at this late period of time to state the exact period or length of time he served as a Soldier; but he adduces his grant founded on a warrant for his Services, and states further the known fact that the State of North Carolina at that period by her laws issued land warrants to were located in her West and Territory founded on Military service or supplies furnished the Army, at the rate of 100 acres for £10, which furnishes the only certain criterion he now has by which the length of his Services can be now established; he knows as a fact that the length of time which he served was sufficient to entitle him in the opinion of the authorities of North Carolina, to a land warrant for 500 acres – which was issued to him by them as above stated. He has no written discharge from the service – He was born in the state of Pennsylvania on the ___ day of April 1760 and was brought by his father when a small boy to Mecklenburg County North Carolina & has resided in that state & the County of Maury Tennessee ever since; he was there [in Mecklenburg] living when called into the service. He is known to James Osborne Esq. of his

¹ Capt. William Alexander S6496) pension papers are erroneously included in this file beginning at page 11.

neighborhood and also Thomas Grant of his neighborhood who will testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his Services as a soldier of the revolution.

~~S/ William Alexander~~

He hereby 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.

S/ Wm Alexander

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Alexander". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Thomas Grant and James Osburn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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As evidence in support of his claim William Alexander has this day produced by his Agent the Honorable Mr. Polk a patent issued by the authority of the State of Tennessee dated April 26, 1824 upon a warrant granted by the State of North Carolina on the 30th day of November 1784, to the said Alexander for five hundred acres of land in consideration of his military services during the revolutionary war.

March 5, 1833

S/ H. H. Sylvester, Clerk

The patent returned to Mr. Polk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]

[Note: Fold3.com. has erroneously included the pension documents relating to the claim of Captain William Alexander (S6496) of Mecklenburg County in this file. Captain Alexander's file material begins on page 11 of this file.]