

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Rhodes S21444

NC [see endnote]

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Because of poor penmanship and ink bleeding through the paper the following is difficult to decipher.

Names of some officers could be deciphered only by referring to J. D. Lewis's superb resource at [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_patriot\\_troops\\_nc.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_patriot_troops_nc.html)]

The State of Tennessee } on this 19 day August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
Henderson County } hundred and thirty four personally appeared before me Adam M Brown  
one of the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Henderson in the  
State of Tennessee Alexander Rhodes aged ninety five years of age 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 on the fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand seven  
hundred and eighty one he entered the service of the United States as a private drafted militia Soldier for  
the term of six months in the Militia Regiment of North Carolina from the County Orange command by  
Colonel Tinim [sic: Hugh Tinnen] in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Allen his Lieutenant  
was by the name of Joseph Young and his Major was by the name [illegible]. This Regiment marched  
from the Town of Hillsborough Through Caswell County in the same State and was for several weeks  
stationed there. The object of this service was to guard and protect the State from the incursions of the  
Tories and British. This Regiment marched and Countermarched through Caswell County and the adjacent  
Counties as the [undeciphered word] of the enemy required being stationary at no [several undeciphered  
words] In this six months tour there was no regular Battle but frequent skirmishing with the Enemy this  
Tour of service lasted for six months at the expiration of which time the regiment was march to  
Hillsborough and then Discharged This Declarant thinks that there was no written discharge given to any  
of the soldiers of this Regiment [one or two undeciphered words] there was any he has long since lost his.  
He states that this Regiment was discharged [one or two undeciphered words] fifteenth day of August  
seventeen hundred eighty one. Thus ends the first tour of service of Declarant. There being no regular or  
Continental Troops with whom he served of course he can not name the Regimental Officers thereof.

Second tour of service This Declarant states that on the first of December [one or two  
undeciphered words] year (17??) he again entered the service of the United States as a Drafted militia  
private Cavalry Soldier in the Cavalry Regiment of North Carolina militia from the County of Orange in  
the same state commanded by Colonel Thomas Taylor in the company commanded by Captain Mark  
Patterson his Lieutenant was by the name of [first name undeciphered] Bynum and his Major by the name  
of William McCauley of the Regiment of Cavalry as aforesaid there were only four Companies To wit  
Captain [George] Hodge's Company Captain Guinn's [?] Company Captain Grissom's [sic: Davis  
Gresham's] Company and Captain Patterson's. The Troopers composing these four Companies were only  
drafted for the period of three months. This Regiment of Cavalry marched from the town of Hillsborough  
in the State of North Carolina [one or two undeciphered words] Pedee river [sic: Pee Dee River] and were  
stationed at the Plantation of General Harrington [Henry William Harrington] for several weeks when an  
express arrived in Camp ordering us to march to Cheraw Hills but previous to this we had been ordered to  
Haleys Ferry on Pedee in order to guard this Ferry and intercept the British and Tories should they attempt  
to cross the river at that point from thence we marched to Cheraw Hills as the Enemy never made its  
appearance at Haley's Ferry but was anticipated would march on to the Cheraw Hills here we were  
stationed for a for a few weeks when another express came into camp and ordered us to march to George  
Town [Georgetown] in the State of South Carolina upon which Town it was apprehended the British and  
Tories would make an attack on this march we were joined by three or four companies of the Militia of  
South Carolina but owing to the scarcity of provisions and the delay consequent upon procuring it our  
time had so far expired that the officers found that before we could possibly reach George Town our  
[illegible word] of service which was only for three months would have terminated consequently we were

marched back to Hillsborough and there discharged in mass without any written discharge [one or two illegible words] first of March seventeen hundred and eighty two. There being no regular or continental Regiments which served with the Regiment [two or three illegible words] Declarant therefore is unable to give any statement of them or their Officers. This Declarant states that in both these tours of service the one for six months and the other for three months he only served as a private Militia soldier.

This Declarant states that he has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can Testify to his service – he hereby relinquishes every Claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and Declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State

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Question 1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you born

Answer. in the County of Baltimore in the State of Maryland and as well as my memory now seves me and in the year 1739 the month I can not recollect

Quest 2<sup>d</sup> have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have none

Q 3<sup>d</sup> Where were you liveing when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer. Resided in Orange in the State of North Carolina during my first entrance into the service of the United States and which said County of Orange was my Domicille during the two tours of my service as set forth in my Declaration from thence removed to Berk [sic: Burke] County in the same state thence removed to Bedford County in the State of Tennessee thence from Bedford County to Henderson in the same State my present place of abode

Quest 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service – were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer in both my Tours of Service the first for six months and the latter for three months I was in both instances private Militia Cavalry Soldier and volunteer as I have before stated

In answer to the 5<sup>th</sup> Question as heretofore [undeciphered word] in the Body of this my Declaration I can make no statement in relation to any Regular Continental or Milititia Regiments having never served with any of the one or other for the Circumstances of my service I refer you to the history of the same contained in the Body of my 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

Answer as well as I can now recollect I never received any written discharge the Regiment to which I belonged being dismissed and discharged without any written individual discharge

7<sup>th</sup> As to Persons to whom I am known in my own immediate neighborhood I can refer to the Reverend William Britt Tully pastor of the Baptist Mr. John Tully his Brother Adam M Brown Esqr. and Jordan Fuller all of them Gentlemen high standing and respectability and who will at any time Testify to my character for veracity

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