

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Forbes Alexander
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[p2] Tennessee certificate 7678
Alexander Forbes of Lincoln County
Pvt under Capt Shelton, Col Green 3 years
Issued 11May1833 @ \$80/annum

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State of Tennessee
Lincoln County

On this 19th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the court of peas and quarter sessions for said county, Alexander Forbes, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, aged seventy two 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 provision made by act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 with Lieutenant Clough Shelton (afterwards Captain Shelton of the Continental line, and served in the 19th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, Captain Shelton, Major Hawes [Samuel Hawes], Colonel Stephens [Edward Stevens], all of the 10th Regiment, which were afterwards reduced to the sixth Regiment. The 10th Regiment were of General Muhlenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] brigade but after it was reduced to the sixth, it was attached to General Scott's Brigade and was commanded by Colonel Green [John Green], of which troops Lord Sterling was Major General.

This applicant enlisted as above for the period of three years. He resided when he enlisted in Amherst County and State of Virginia and after serving out his full term he left the service in the year 1779. He does not recollect the day or month when he enlisted nor the day and month when he was discharged.

His applicant was born on the 3rd day of March 1760 as he has been informed and believes, but he has no particular record of his age. From Amherst County, the place of his nativity he removed after the war to Madison County in Kentucky, then to Adair County in said state, thence to Jackson County Alabama, thence to Lincoln County Tennessee where he now resides.

When he left the service he received a written discharge from Colonel Green of the Continental line but it has been lost or mislaid so that it cannot be had. When he enlisted he resided in Amherst County Virginia and was marched to White Marsh Camp in the state of Pennsylvania in the Fall of 1777. From thence he was marched to Valley Forge where the troops took up winter quarters for 1778. In the following

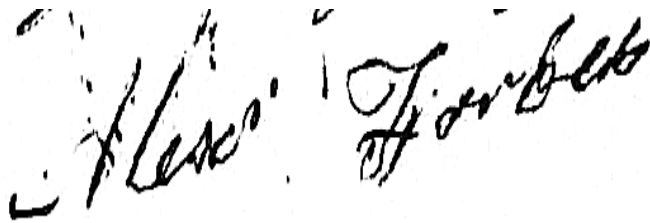
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Spring and summer he marched through the Jersey and in the winter of 1779 I lay in winter quarters at Boundbrook and when winter quarters were broken up there we went to Paulus Hook [August 19, 1779] in New York and stormed and took that fort, the watchword at which place for the Americans was "Stoney Point" because that battle had then been recently fought. This applicant was not at the battle of Stoney Point but was near enough to be in hearing of the guns. As a reward for the bravery of the troops in taking Paulus Hook, each soldier received twenty

dollars. At which time this applicant states his term of service had well nigh expired and for which reason he was sent as one of the guard over the British prisoners there taken to Philadelphia where he was regularly discharged by Colonel Guess as above stated, his term of service having then fully expired. This applicant know of but one person living by whom he can prove his service as above set fort, and that is Noel Battles of St Clair County Alabama whose affidavit touching the same is not here submitted to the court and cannot be had without great trouble & expense.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Robert S Inge Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noel Battles". The signature is written in dark ink and is slanted slightly to the right.

[Routine county supporting statements and certification

Isaac McCown, clergy

John Vickers, neighbor

Notes on Alexander Forbes S2559

By C. Leon Harris. 15 Feb 2014.

General Scott = Charles Scott

“Lord Sterling” = William Alexander, Lord Stirling

“Stoney Point” = Stony Point, stormed on 16 Aug 1779

“Colonel Guess” = Nathaniel Gist

Noel Battles, pension application S12960