

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Willoughby S31481

fn13VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

9/29/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

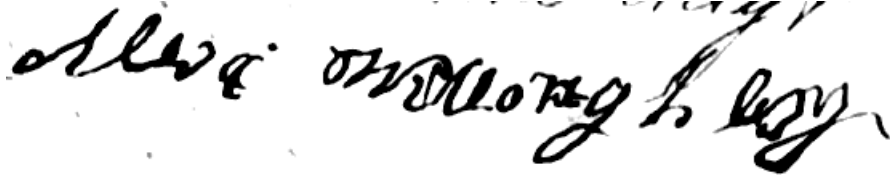
Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

On this 16 day of September 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the County Court now sitting Alexander Willoughby a resident of Jessamine 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 Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.: That he was drafted in January 1778 out of the company commanded by William Martin a militia Captain in Amherst County Virginia and marched down to the barracks near Charlottesville and there put under the command of Captain David Shelton & one Colonel Harvey (as well as he recollects) to guard General Burgoyne's Army who were prisoners and remained there six months in the service as guard; that during this service Captain Guarland [Capt. James Garland] from Albemarle County Virginia was killed by a Sentinel on his post when said Guarland out of a project attempted to obtain the Sentinel's Arms from him, and, the first Indians he had ever saw was at the barracks who stopped there on their way from Congress; that he was discharged after the expiration of his term of service in the Summer at that place by Captain Shelton without a written discharge as well as he recollects – That he was drafted a second time out of the company of said Martin in the spring or summer of 1779 (in consequence of want of recollection he cannot state which[]) and marched down to the barracks again and then placed under the command of Captain William Harris (& he believes the said Colonel Harvey) for the guarding of the same prisoners; that during this term of service a great quantity of beef was condemned and thrown on the Commissary's hands, it had gotten somewhat spoiled and was afterwards washed & salted but whether it was then rescued [?] he does not know; that this was a tour of six months which he served and was then discharged by Captain Harris without a written discharge as well as he recollects – That he was born in Albemarle County Virginia on the 19th day of February 1760 his age is registered in the big Church Bible of Parson Kemp's Church in said County, was living in Amherst County Virginia when called into service, moved from the County & State to Kentucky in 1782 and has resided in Kentucky ever since & now resides in Jessamine County Kentucky – he was drafted as above stated, and name was David Shelton & William Harris as militia officers who were with the guard where he served (the general Circumstances of his service above stated); that he never received a written discharge that he recollects of; that he acted as a private in his services as guard aforesaid. That he was engaged in no other pursuit whilst in the service than as a guard; He further states Captain Hugh Chrisman, Joshua Hudson, Pleasant Walters, Daniel Anthony, Robert Duncan, William Dickerson, Alexander Welch and Joseph McKinney are persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his

services as aforesaid. He states from the many removals & deaths of persons who knew of his services as aforesaid & from the length of time since the services were performed he is unable to find a surviving witness by whom he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every Claim 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 that he knows of & states for the want of recollection he cannot state with certainty the name of the [indecipherable word, appears to be "Comy" and perhaps an abbreviation of the word "Company"] but believes it to be as above stated.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Alexr Willoughby

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexr Willoughby". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[Joshua Hudson, a clergyman, & Pleasant Walters gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Affidavit

State of Kentucky Jessamine County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Alexander Willoughby, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time for which he was drafted in each tour he served as set forth in his declaration, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than six months in each tour making in all twelve months that he served as guard to guard Burgoyne's Prisoners as stated in his foregoing declaration, and for such services I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 29th day of November 1833

S/ Geo. T. Chrisman, JP

S/ Alex Willoughby

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service in the Virginia service.]