

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Alcorn S31516

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State of Indiana Bartholomew County } Sgt.

On this 13th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the President & Associate Judges of the Circuit court of & for the County of Bartholomew, now sitting, George Alcorn, a resident of Bartholomew County & State of Indiana, aged seventy-two years, on the 25th of last March, who 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.

That he joined as a volunteer, in Fairfield District South Carolina, a militia company commanded by Captain Thomas Hanna; the day & year of his entering into the service not recollected; that said company was, together with other forces, under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Colonel Lacey [Edward Lacey], Colonel Bratton [William Bratton], Colonel Hopkins [Lt. Col. David Hopkins] & others not recollected; that shortly after he joined the forces commanded as aforesaid he fought the battle of the fish-dam¹; and after this battle & before the Army was marched to Blackstock's² he received a parole discharge; that this term of service was no more than ten days.

That he afterwards entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Thomas [James Thomas] of the militia; that the superior officers were General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], Colonel Hammons [sic, either Leroy or Samuel Hammond] or Ammons, Major Middleton & others not recollected; that he does not recollect the day & year of the commencement of this second service, but he does recollect well, that shortly after its commencement the forces, of which he counted [as] one, were marched from Horns-Creek, South Carolina to Augusta, where they remained during the siege.³ After the siege, he having contracted the small pox, received a written discharge from Captain Thomas which he has lost. Thus after the lapse of a little more than two months terminated his second period of service.

That after his recovery from the small pox, he was drafted in Fairfield District in South Carolina, for the term of 3 months, and went into service in the militia company of Captain

¹ The engagement at Fishdam Ford occurred on November 8, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fishdamford.htm>

² The engagement at Blackstocks Plantation occurred on November 20, 1780.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackstocks.htm>

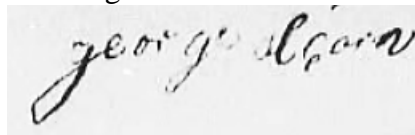
³ There were several sieges of Augusta during the Revolution. My guess is that he is referring to the last siege which occurred from roughly May 22 to June 11, 1781. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522.htm>

Davis [Amos Davis], then commanded by Lieutenant Vaughan [William Vaughn], and under the superior officers General Sumpter, Colonel Hopkins and Major Pearson; that shortly after he was drafted the forces, of which he was one, marched to Orangeburg, where they went into winter quarters; that after the expiration of the term for which the was drafted he was honorably discharged that he has lost said discharge which was given to him, if he recollects right by Major [illegible]. The day and year of the commencement of this period of service not recollected.

That subsequently to the service last mentioned, he was again in Fairfield District South Carolina drafted for three months, and went into the militia company of Captain Davis, then commanded by Lieutenant Vaughan, and that the superior officers recollected were General Henderson [William Henderson] and his aid Withers; that the troops were marched from Orangeburg to the Four holes; they were marched back to Orangeburg, to the three forks of Edaustow [sic, Edisto River?]; that at this latter place, having served out his term of three months he was honorably discharged; that he has lost said discharge which was given to him by Captain Hanna and is unable to give the day & year of the commencement of said term of service; that he feels assured that the circumstances alluded to will enable the department to fix periods with sufficient accuracy; that at the time [he] entered the service of the United States he resided in Fairfield District & State of South Carolina, & that subsequently to the revolution he moved to Kentucky, where he resided for some time -- then removed to Bartholomew County in the State of Indiana where he now resides; that he has no record of his age but according to the best account he was born in North Carolina on the Pedee [River] about the year 1760; and that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, but that he knows Joseph Pownall, a clergyman, & Samuel Eslick, who lived in the County of Bartholomew, & who will testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the date & year aforesaid.

S/ George Alcorn



[Joseph Pownall, a clergyman and Samuel Eslick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 8 months and 10 days service in the revolution as a private.]

[The Bounty Land Warrant Record of William Alcorn, a private in the Delaware line, for warrant numbers 8891 and 10692; for 100 acres; issued September 2, 1789, is erroneously included at the end of this file.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to George Alcorn
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 60

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⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

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[illegible] 1785

823 Y 3rd Jan. 86

George Allcorn [sic] for 126 days Militia Duty in 1781 & 1782.

Amount £9 Stg [Sterling]

Nine Pounds Sterling

NB the signing William Vaughan Lieutenant & Amos Davis Captain appear to have been signed by the latter.

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State of South Carolina to George Alcorn

Dr.

1781} To 37 days duty done at Orangeburg

in Captain Amos Davis's Company

Col. Winns Regiment at 10/ per day

£18.10

To 20 days duty done at Edisto

At 10/ per day

£10

I do certify the above account to be just and true

S/ William Vaughn Lieut.

[there is an illegibly faint interlineation which appears to have been signed by someone whose surname perhaps is Hopkins]

1782} To 69 days duty done at Orangeburg

in Captain Amos Davis's Company Col.

Richard Winn's Regiment at 10/ per day

£34.10

£63.0.0

Stg [Sterling]

£9

I do Certify this Account to be just and true

February 7th 1784

S/ Amos Davis Capt.

South Carolina Camden District

Appeared George Alcorn and made oath that he did the above mentioned Service in Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment of foot militia and that the Publick stands justly indebted to him in the above mentioned sum of Sixty-Three Pounds Old Currency which he has never Received.

Sworn to before me This 10th Day February 1784

received February 15th 1785

S/ Amos Davis, JP

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Received 17 April 88 full Satisfaction for this Account in An indent No. 823 Y per order

S/ Robert Alcorn

Robert Alcorn

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State of South Carolina Chester County} Sirs Please By [sic?] empower Robert Alcorn to receive
an Indent to the amount of my account against the Public of the state aforesaid whose receipt
shall be sufficient Discharge from your Humble Servant

S/ George Alcorn

George Alcorn

To the Treasurer of the
State aforesaid
Signed and acknowledged
before me

S/ John Bell, JP

April 10 Day 1788

Rob Alcorn 93 List G £9