

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Asa Alexander S32092

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State of Alabama, Dale County

On this the 20th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before William Harper Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid, Asa Alexander Sr., 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 the Seventh, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein Stated. He States that he was drafted to go against Saint Augustine under the command of Governor Houstin [sic, John Houston] in the year 1778 and left the Service August 1781. I was marched under the command aforesaid to St. Augustine; but did not reach that place, I only reached St. Mary's River when my commander returned, together with his Army. After I was under the command of Governor Houston, I then was a volunteer under the command of Colonel Elijah Clark [also spelled Elijah Clarke]. I was at the battle at the first and last siege of Augusta [May 22-June 6, 1781]. Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] was the regular commander at the last siege of Augusta. At the first siege of Augusta there was no other person as officers only militia no Regulars; Col Benjamin Few and Colonel Elijah Clark commanded the Georgia militia Clark commanded in Chief. I was at the last siege of Savannah [the British evacuated Savannah July 22, 1782]. General Wane [sic, Anthony Wayne] Commanded at the last siege. I resided in the State of Georgia Richmond County. I know of no person who was personally acquainted with me in the Revolutionary War, they are deceased or moved out of my knowing. 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 day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Harper, JCCDC

S/ Asa Alexander



[Seaborn Gray, a clergyman and Seaborn Ledbetter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Attested by Asa Alexander clerk of the County Court



State of Alabama, Dale County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid Asa Alexander Senior 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 his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period

mentioned below, and in the following grades; He was in the service of the United States for about three years I, served under Governor Houston was drafted about four or five months. I then volunteered myself and served as a volunteer under Col. Elijah Clark for two years, and seven or eight months. He states that there was no more than 500 men ever under Col. Elijah Clark at one time that was the highest number all being Georgians and I don't know of no one now that I can prove my services by all are Deceased or moved out on my knowledge. I was in service by competent authority, I was either in the Field or in Garrison; and for the time during which this service was performed I was not employed in any civil pursuit. I have stated in my foregoing Declaration heretofore made on the 20th day of October 1832 the particular places where the service was performed and for no such services I claim a Pension.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the first day of May A.D. 1833.

S/ John D. Crews, JP

S/ Asa Alexander

[Note: The Clerk of Dale County who certified the attestations of the foregoing was also named Asa Alexander. Asa Alexander, Jr., also administered the estate of Asa Alexander, Sr.]

[p 20: On January 28, 1835 in Dale County Alabama Asa Alexander Junior filed an affidavit stating that his father Asa Alexander, a revolutionary war pensioner, died October 1, 1834. In another affidavit, Asa Alexander Junior stated that his father had lived in Alabama for the 12 years preceding his death and that prior to that his father had lived in Georgia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia.]