

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Grant S3407

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State of Tennessee, Warren County

On this second October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County Wm McGregor, Aaron Higgenbotham & James Barkley, Alexander Grant a resident of the southwestern part of Warren County on the Barren [?] Fork of Duck River (Tennessee) aged 73 years the 16th day of last July 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 seventh of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated to wit Listed under Captain John Dagged [sic, Doggett?] 2nd South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Moultrie [William Moultrie], in the month of February '76, in what was then called Camden District in South Carolina -- Marched from there to Charleston SC under the command of Colonel Moultrie. We were ordered thence to Sullivan's Island to fight the British. A hard battle was fought there in which the British was defeated. Our Regiment marched back to Charleston 9 miles, thence we marched to Purrysburg -- Thence to Augusta where we met the British -- had an engagement & defeated them. Thence we marched back to Charleston. The British followed of us -- attacked the city of Charleston & we flogged them again. From Charleston we marched to Stono in pursuit of the British, where [we] met them & flogged them again [June 20, 1779]. In this engagement my Captain Dogged was killed. I was then put under Captain James Duff. Thence my Regiment followed the British to a place called Ninety Six in South Carolina where we had a siege of three or four days. The British had fortified themselves & put us on the retreat. Thence we retreated to the Cowpens in South Carolina & joined General Morgan, & Colonel Washington's Company Horse. We there had a severe engagement [January 17, 1781] in which Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] the British commander was defeated. We marched thence to the Island Ford on the Catawba River in North Carolina. The whole British Army followed us from Ninety Six & overtook us at the Ford where an engagement ensued in which they were victorious. Thence we marched to Guilford in North Carolina & joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. Thence we had an engagement in which the Americans were victorious. We marched thence to Little York where we captured Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. Thence we marched with prisoners taken at Little York to Winchester Barracks where I was discharged. This occurred in November 1781 -- I lived in South Carolina when I first entered the service & continued in it five years.

The following are the names of all the officers which he knew Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], General [indecipherable name, could be "Lincon" [Benjamin Lincoln]]

General Marion [Francis Marion], General Greene, General Nash & others above mentioned.

I have no documentary evidence for the reason that my house was burnt 40 years since in South Carolina Greenville County & my discharge & other valuable papers [several indecipherable words] he knows of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

The Court then propounded the following Interrogatories to the applicant for a Pension Viz.

1st When and in what year were you born?

Answer -- In Frederick County in the State of Maryland & in the year 1760 or '61.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- I had a record in my father's Bible which was burnt when my house was burnt in South Carolina.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- I lived in South Carolina when I entered the service I lived there since the revolutionary war until 18 years since I moved to Warren County Tennessee

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer -- As before stated I enlisted under Captain Dagg.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I have stated a full answer to this question above.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- I was discharged by Captain Billy Bennett. The balance of the question is answered above.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- John Nelson, Hugh O'Neil, Samuel Denby & Elias Duboy [?] & others.

Sworn & subscribed the day and & year aforesaid. S/ Alexander Grant

S/ Jas. Colville, Clk

By L. Colville DC

[Hugh O'Neall, a clergyman, and John Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit, except that they state that they believe the applicant to be between 60 and 61 years old [which, if true, would mean that the applicant is too young to have fought in the revolution.]

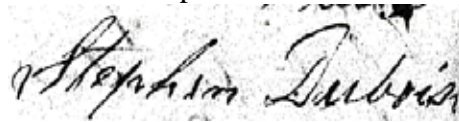
State of Tennessee, Warren County July 1st, 1833

On this first day of July in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court, in the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions for said County of Warren it being a court of Record -- Stephen Duboise¹ who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath doth say that he was in the battle of Stono in South Carolina fought between the Americans and British the former Army

¹ [Stephen DuBoise S3311](#)

commanded as he believes by General Lincoln, and the British Army by General Provoce [sic, Augustine Prevost], he thinks this was in the year 1777; and he well recollects that Alexander Grant now of Warren County Tennessee and the same Alexander Grant who has as he understands applied for a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, was in that engagement on the side of the United States, And he saw said Grant during the Battle binding up a wound received by Colonel Lawrence [sic, John Laurens?] in the engagement, and at the same time Colonel Lawrence was urging his man to fight on telling them that the enemy was shooting at him and the feather in his hat, and not at them. This deponent has been acquainted with Mr. Grant at times ever since that engagement and knows well that he is the same man above spoken of. He cannot say how long Mr. Grant was in the service but has always understood Mr. Grant served five years in the Regular service and has heard him called a man of truth by his neighbors and believes him to be such.

S/ Stephen Duboise

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Duboise". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court July 1, 1833.

S/ Jas. Colville, Clk

By L. Colville, D. C.

State of Tennessee Warren County: July 1st 1833

This 1st July in the year 1833 appeared in open court in the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Warren County aforesaid Alexander Grant who heretofore applied for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, who being duly sworn according to law says that at the time he made out his Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of said act of Congress he did not know that said Stephen Deboise was living, he then living, as he now understands a resident in the State of Alabama, but that fact was unknown to this Declarant until recently. Said Deboise removed to Warren County. This declarant does not know of any other person by whom he can prove any service.

S/ Alexander Grant, X his mark

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