

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Aldridge S35170

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Schedule

Pulaski County Court

On this 20th day of December in the year 1830, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County Established by the Constitution and Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and having power to fine and Imprison, and proceeding according to the Course of the Common law Francis Aldridge, aged about Sixty Seven years, Resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath Declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, that in the month of March or April in the year 1782 he enlisted with Colonel John Armstrong in the Revolutionary war in the Service of the United States against Great Britain for the Term of eighteen months upon the Continental Establishment, was first Stationed at Salisbury about four weeks and was commanded while at that place by Captain Langham & Captain Yarberry [sic, possibly Edward Yarborough?] and was Ordered from Salisbury to Ashley Hill and there Joined the Main Army Commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], in the Company of Captain Richard Raford [sic, Robert Raiford?] in what was called the North Carolina Regiment and Commanded at that time by Colonel Archibald Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and Continued in the Service of the United States until the Conclusion of the War or Cessation of arms, Continued on the above Station in service upwards of twelve months and was Honorably Discharged or Furloughed & Sent Home, which said Discharge or Furlough, he has lost, or so mislaid he cannot find it, and as a further Evidence of his enlistment and Service aforesaid, he refers to the Rolls or Records in the War Office or Department. And in addition to the above Term of service & previous thereto he performed three tours of Duty in the militia, was with Shelby in the pursuit of Ferguson a British officer and his troops in the States of North and South Carolina, During which Tour of duty took many Tories and I do Solemnly Swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner Disposed of my Property, or any part thereof with Intent thereby so to Diminish it as to bring myself within the Provisions of an Act of Congress Entitled "And Act to provide for certain Persons in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war["] Passed the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not, nor has any Person in trust for me, any Property, or Securities Contracts or Debts due me nor have I any Income other than what is Contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed, to wit,

Two hundred Acres of very poor land which I have tried to sell

but cannot make Sale of it worth perhaps	\$200.00
One Horse beast worth	35.00
two head of Cattle	7.00
One Sow & Piggs	2.00
Farming Tools, &c.	1.50
Household & Kitchen furniture	<u>2.00</u>

\$247.50

And the said Francis Aldridge, further states on his Oath, that he has no Occupation other than that of a day laborer, and that he is unable to make a Support thereby, Owing to his age and Infirmity that he has a wife about Sixty five years of age very Infirm unable to labor, he has two children, to wit Peggy and Rebecca living with him, Peggy thirty two years old and Rebecca twenty eight years old and Support themselves, he further makes Oath, that he is not a Pensioner, nor has he been from the fall of any State, and that the Reason why he has not made application earlier to be placed on the Pension list, is that he has not until very Recently been able to Procure the Testimony to prove his Service, Owing to his very infirm state of health Preventing him from making use of the necessary Diligence to obtain it.

S/ Francis Aldridge

And the said Francis Aldridge , further made Proof by two Credible and Distinguished Witnesses, to wit, Michael Young & Samuel Hendrickson, Established the Service of said Francis Aldridge, as stated by him in his Declaration, Sworn to and declared in open Court, on the 20th day of December 1830, before said Presiding Justice of the Pulaski County Court.

S/ Christ^f Clonch, JP

And the said Francis Aldridge, Also Produced before the Court Samuel Hendrickson & Moses Doss, two Credible and Distinguished Persons who made Oath that the Schedule of the said Francis Aldridge as to his said Aldridge's Property is true and correct, And it is further Ordered to be entered of Record, that It is the Opinion of the Court, that the said Francis Aldridge, did render the Services, on Continental Establishment, as in his Declaration Stated, and sworn to by him, and proven by the Oath of said Michael Young & Samuel Hendrickson, And It is further Ordered to be entered of Record, that it is the Opinion of the Court, that the said Francis Aldridge's Schedule is true and Correct, and that the Total Amount, in Value of the Property Exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule, is \$247.50, all of which is Ordered to be Certified to the War Department.

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S/ Will Fox, Clerk

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Pulaski County Court June Term 1831

On this day June 20, 1831 Michael Young¹ aged about Seventy five or six years, resident of said County of Pulaski appeared Personally in open Court, and after being first duly sworn according to law, upon his Oath states that Francis Aldridge of said County, Served in the Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment upward of twelve months, in the following manner, Viz., that in the month of March or April in the year 1782, to the best of the Affiant's Recollection, the said Francis Aldridge, and himself Enlisted with Col. John Armstrong in the Revolutionary war, in the Service of the United States, for the Term of eighteen months, upon Continental Establishment, was first stationed at Salisbury for some length of time, and while there were commanded by Captain Langham and Capt. Yarberry, from there the troops were marched to Ashley Hill and Joined the Main Army Commanded by General Greene in the Company of Captain Richard Raford in what was called the North Carolina Regiment, and Commanded at that time by Col. Archibald Lytle, and that the said Francis Aldridge continued as well as this Affiant (who was in the same Company) in the Service of the United States until peace was Concluded, and was Discharged or Furloughed at James Island near Charleston and sent Home, having Continued in Service as above stated upwards of twelve months.

S/ Michael Young, X his mark

State of Kentucky, Pulaski County Court December Term 1831

On the motion of Francis Aldridge, an applicant for a Pension at a former Term of this Court, to

¹ [Michael Young S35758](#)

wit, at the December Term of the Pulaski County Court in the year 1830, and at the June term of said Court, in the year 1831, who on this day produced to the Court an additional Statement or Declaration and made oath to the same in open Court, and Also produced to the Court, a writing purporting to be a Certificate from William Alias, William Hill, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, as further proof of his said Francis Aldridge's Service in the Revolutionary war, which said Certificate being examined by the Court is Ordered to be noted and filed as matter of Record, And the Additional Statement or Declaration aforesaid of the said Francis Aldridge has also the Certificate of the said William Alias, William Hill, Secretary of the State of North Carolina follows in his words, Viz., The Statement of Francis Aldridge made in Open Court holden by Pulaski County on the 19th day of December 1831, being a Court of Record, and having Power to fine and Imprison According to the Principles of the Common law, and It being an addition to the Statements of the said Francis Aldridge made at the December Term of the Pulaski County Court in the year 1830, and at the June Term of said Court in the year 1831, the said Francis Aldridge, resident of Pulaski County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath Declare, in addition to his Original Declaration as to his Enlistment and service, in the Revolutionary war, upon Continental Establishment made at the December Term of the Pulaski County Court in the year 1830 aforesaid, that after being marched from Salisbury to Ashley Hill, where he Joined the Main Army Commanded by General Greene, in the Company of Captain Richard Rayford, in what was called the North Carolina Regiment, and commanded at that time by Col. Archibald Lytle, from there the Troops were marched to James Island, and whilst be Stationed there for the most of the time, and at the time of his Discharge or Furlough, he the said Francis Aldridge States that he was Placed under, and in the Company of Captain Anthony Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] of which he Omitted to make mention of in his former Declaration to the Court, having been under Several Captains, as will be seen by reference to his Declaration, and the said Francis Aldridge States upon his Oath in addition to his former statement as to his Property, as far as he possibly can recollect, that about the year 1822, he sold a Cow and Calf to a certain James Han, for about the Sum of \$10, And in the year 1830, he sold another Cow and Calf to a certain Pleasant Moore, for the sum of five dollars, which said some of \$10, as also the five dollars the price of the last named Cow and Calf, he applied to the Payment and Discharge of some small claims against him the greater part thereof was used in the Purchase of necessities Out of the Stores, Such as Coffee, Sugar and such other little Articles, as he is aged wife and himself stood in need of for their Support &c., and the said Francis Aldridge, further states upon his Oath, that the most of his Dealing or trading, since the 18th day of March 1818, has been upon the little Butter and occasionally some dried fruit made in his family, that he was in a manner Compelled to Dispose of, to Procure such Articles as above named for the nourishment and Support of himself and wife, coffee, sugar etc..

S/ Francis Aldridge, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State aforesaid do Certify that it appears from the Muster Rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that Francis Aldridge a private Soldier in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in the year 1782, for the Term of 18 months, that nothing more is said of him on said Rolls.

Given under my hand and Seal this 19th day of October 1831.

S/ Wm Hill, {Seal}

Somerset September 5, 1829

Sir

I wish to apply for a pension and desirous to know whether my name is on the Rolls at the City of Washington, as the proof will be difficult to procure. I served in Colonel Archibald Lytle's Regiment and Captain Anthony Sharp's Company, Major Blount was the Major. I will thank you to give me

intelligence whether my name is on the records of the list furnished from North Carolina. I served a year & eight days. I wish you to state the time if my name is found.

I am respectfully
S/ Francis Aldridge

N.B.

I served till the Treaty of Peace was signed and served under General Greene. F.A.

Sept. 5, 1829.
I wish to copy for a pension and
also desires to signify whether my
name is on the Roll of the City
of Washington, as the proof will be
deposited to prove some ^{of} the
Letter Roll in Capt. Anthony Mays
Company. I beg to be excused.
I wish to thank you to give me
intelligence whether my name is on
the records of the list furnished from
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[p 16: In unattested letter dated March 24, 1856 addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions indicates that the veteran died in 1844 leaving a widow, his 2nd wife by whom he had no children; his 2nd marriage took place possibly before the year 1800; his widow died in March 1853. The correspondent asks the Commissioner whether or not the children of the veteran's first marriage can claim for the pension due the widow's 2nd wife.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing December 24, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]