

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Young S35755

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Floyd County

On this 21st day of July 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared Alexander Young aged 60 years; -- who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Floyd; and that he enlisted for 15 months at Fort Charlotte in the state of South Carolina on or about the 1st day of March 1776 by one William Hutton and served in the company commanded by Capt. John Brown [?] of the 5th South Carolina Regulars commanded by Col. Isaac Huger sic Huger -- that he continued to serve in said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the first day of June 1777 -- when he was honorably discharged from service at Fort Charlotte -- in the state of South Carolina; that he was in service 15 months and was in the battles of Seneca under Col. Williamson -- also others not necessary to be related and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his service and discharge, other than that which is hereto transmitted.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

I, Benjamin Mills Judge, &c., as aforesaid, do he certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said applicant Alexander Young did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, or the term of 9 months and upwards, on the Continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress -- and it further appears to my satisfaction that said applicant is in such indigent in reduced circumstances, as to require the aid of his country, pursuant to the above recited act.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

S/ B. Mills

State of Kentucky Floyd County

On this 17th day of April in the year 1821 personally appeared in open court, at a court held for the Circuit of Floyd County, being a Court of record expressly made so by the act of Assembly creating it, Alexander Young aged about 62 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to procure the provisions of the several acts of Congress concerning pensioners. That his former statement for a pension (upon

which a certificate has issued from the Secretary of War No. 15945) is fine and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on 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 to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

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| viz. | two horses worth about | \$50.00 |
| | two cows & calves | 20.00 |
| | one 2 year old heifer | 7.00 |
| | five sheep | 10.00 |
| | eight hogs | 3.50 |
| | Household furniture about | 10.00 |

about 18 acres of land for which I have a bond, which were with the improvements about \$200 -- but the right to the improvements is in dispute & if lost I am doubtful whether the man of whom I bought land will be able to repay me should the same be lost, being in doubtful circumstances.

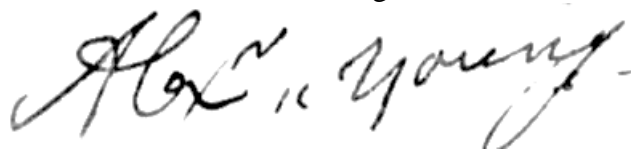
I have owing to me about \$100 also about \$25 from a man who is insolvent & I have little hope of recovering anything
& owe to my creditors about \$125

Total \$435.00

& I am also one of the securities of Robert Haws late Sheriff of Floyd County who has become insolvent together with the said Haws has left the Country greatly in arrears to his creditors has Sheriff & several suits have already been commenced against his securities but I cannot say how much I shall be responsible for.

That I am by occupation a Farmer of the age of 62 years on the 30th day of October next have no family but my wife aged 61 on the 15th of May next, both of us are very weak & almost wholly unable to labor & I am disabled in my left-hand having lost 2 of my fingers one of them in Revolutionary War in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Col. Williamson.

S/ Alex^r Young



State of Kentucky Floyd County

On this 27th day of October 1824 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record) for the circuit & County of Floyd in the 11th Judicial District in this State & made so by an act of Assembly) Alexander Young resident in said County aged 66 years and who was an old revolutionary soldier being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, the 1st of May 1820 and the 1st of March 1823, that he the said Alexander Young enlisted for the term of 15 months about the first of March 1776 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. John Brown in the Regiment commanded by Col. Ugee or Huger in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment and that he

continued to serve in the Corps until about the first day of June 1777 when he was discharged from the said service at Fort Charlotte in the district of Ninety Six in the said State of South Carolina being the same place in which he was enlisted. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on 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 to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

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| one cow & calf of the value of | \$9 |
| two she of the value one dollar each | 2 |
| 14 head of pigs, shoats and hogs in all of the value | 18 |
| Household & kitchen furniture value of | 9 |
| 1 old plow & old gear of the value of | 4 |
| old drawing knife, some old augers & other tools | <u>2</u> |
| | \$44 |

And that the following list shows the manner in which the property exhibited in the first schedule and not now owned by me has been disposed of

| Names of Person to whom sold | Time of Sale & particular property sold | Amount of Money & description of Property received in return |
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| Saml Auxer | One horse in May 1821 | One barrel of whiskey 22 gallons at 33 1/3 cents per gallon & one beef stear value \$6 The whiskey sold to Richard Lee on payment of a prior debt The steer killed for beef |
| Robert M. George | 18 Acres of land On the 15 th Day of March 1822 | For \$100 Seventy five dollars rec'd & paid my Back debt of that amount in the Bank of Commonwealth \$25 yet due but refused to be paid because Court of Appeals has decided Preston's entry under which the Cause was held to be vague and of no account |
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As to the 5 sheep mentioned in original schedule I [indecipherable word or words] and the wolves killed & ate 3 & the old ewe which was left had [one or more words obliterated by an ink blot] which makes the 2 I now have. The 2 cows & calves which I had at the time of exhibiting my former schedule the Sheriff of Floyd sold together with a small tract of land since that time required by me to satisfy and pay a judgment obtained against me & others as the securities of

Robert Haws late Sheriff of Floyd County for \$10.12 ½ & Alexander Keawn became the purchaser and afterwards gave me one of the cows which is the cow I now have, and that William Stratton the Sheriff who made the sale about the __ day __ has since departed this life & that therefore his certificate of sale cannot now be had. The 2 year old heifer which is mentioned in the original schedule to be of the value of \$7 was sold by my wife about the first of the year 1822 to Jane George for \$6 to be paid in spinning and weaving which has since been received or realized in family clothing. The hogs that are mentioned in the original schedule have been used along from time to time to supply the family with food & the hogs I have given in this schedule are proceeds of the same hogs so far as they remain. In regard to the household & kitchen furniture exhibited in my original schedule it remains about as before except wear & decay incident to the use of it & except the sale of one old kettle with a hole in it sold by me about the __day of __ to Alexander Keown for 3 days work the remaining horse which I called blue Jacket departed this life in the 15th year of his age about the first day of April last past, which is as well as recollected a true and full account of the manner in which the property exhibited in my former schedule has been disposed of.

S/ Alexander Young

The said Alexander Young further states on oath that his family consists of himself aged as aforesaid and his wife Nancy aged about 64 years the 15th of last May. That he is occupation is that of a farmer & that from old age and in attack which he had about 7 years ago of the pleurisy and from a violent cough which is [indecipherable word] & much increased by bodily labor or manual exertions he is wholly unable to pursue his avocation with sufficient success to secure him & his wife a living & must depend to a certain extent upon the charity of his neighbors. That in many instances from bodily infirmity he is compelled to pursue his labor upon his knees. That his wife is also very infirm & very unable to assist in raising a crop. That he & his wife have no children living, that he is in indigent circumstances and does well believe that it is due from his Country to afford him the means of support & subsistence by restoring him to the Pension list from which he is informed he has been stricken.

S/ Alex^r Young

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Floyd County, Kentucky January the 9th 1826

Dear Honorable Sir: I an old Revolutionary Soldier have undertaken to inform you of my Services During the old War. I was but a boy in the month of Oct. 1775 I entered into the service of the United States under the Command of Major Williamson near Ninety Six in South Carolina against the Tories on the 19th of November. We heard of a large body of Tories coming against us. We marched into an old field near the Town & made a kind of a pen of old rails around us. About 12 o'clock we were surrounded by a large body of Tories about 5 to one of us. We were about five hundred. At about 3 o'clock the battle commenced and we fought until Tuesday [?] evening without eating or drinking. When the enemy marched off & we marched out in the month of December. We marched over Saluda River where those Tories chiefly lived & was there reinforced by a formidable army under the Command of Col. Richardson from North Carolina [sic, South Carolina]. We defeated the Tories about the last of December [?] as near as I can recollect. We were then discharged & went home. In a few days after we were ordered out to Disarm all the Tories we could find. I was one sent on this Business until about the first of March 1776 when we rendezvoused at Fort Charlotte. I then enlisted in Continental Service under Capt. John Breve [?I think it is Brown] in 5th South Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Isaac Huger for 15 months where I was stationed until sometime in June

when Indians broke out. There was orders came to the Capt. to send a Lieut. & 22 volunteers to go against the Indians. I was one. We marched into the Cherokee Nation after being in three hard months. I received a shot by accident in my left hand which took my middle finger off close to my hand which very much disabled my hand & rendered me unable to do hard labor ever since. I then returned to Fort Charlotte and served out my time for which [I] enlisted & was honorably discharged on the 1st day of June 1777. As soon as I got home I found I could be of more service in the militia nor I could lying in a fort. I immediately entered into the service and not being well able to carry my gun on account of the lameness of my hand the General put me in riding express to all parts where it was necessary for me to go and to packing money from Charleston to the armies to pay off the expenses of the War but if I was not at this business & there was a call for men I was always one. I never stood a Draft but was a Volunteer through the whole of the war and never stayed at home when men was wanting. I was almost constantly in the service. When Charleston was taken by the British the Tories rose in thousands & many that had been with us turned against us and our communication was entirely cut off from the north as all on the north side of Saluda River was Tories led off by Cunningham. General Pickens did everything he could to [indecipherable word, looks like "Vais"] men but found it was out of his power. It was at last concluded to grain [ground?] their arms to the Tories which was done but there was a Capt. James McCall & myself that would not submit & some few more in all 25. We started about the last of June or in July 1780 & took the wilderness betwixt the whites & Indians. After traveling eight days hard riding, we got into Rutherford County in North Carolina & there Joined Col. Isaac Shelby from Houston [perhaps intended to refer to Holston River?] the same that has been Governor of this State. With him we remained till after Ferguson's Defeat on Kings Mountain. When he returned home I was almost two years. I never saw my own house. The Tories left me nothing but what they took & destroyed & my wife had to seek refuge amongst her neighbors but I stuck it out until we retook the Country & could sit down in peace &c. I never claimed nor received one cent for the wound I received in the Service until the law passed for the relief of the old Revolutioners [sic]. I proved up my services & was allowed pay until the act of the 1st of May 1820 then I was requested to render a Schedule of all my property which I did but was greatly deceived in the land I mentioned I had a bond for, not knowing how the lines run it was not worth half as much as I thought it was [he goes on to relate his loss of property as outlined above]

S/ Alexander Young

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 21, 1818 for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]