

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Alvis S35765

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Fourth Judicial District.

Shelby County Sct.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Circuit Judges of the said commonwealth personally appeared Jesse Alvis aged sixty two years in Aug't next. resident in the County of Shelby and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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 the said Jesse Alvis enlisted in the Continental Service in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Holman Rice [of the Goochland County Militia, pension application S31327] of the Third Virginia Regiment, in the Continental Service, he entered into the service sometime in March 1778 – that the Regiment was commanded by Colo. Francis Taylor. That he continued to serve in the said Corps and in the service of the United States until the [blank] of April 1780 when he was discharged from service at Winchester State of Virginia by Col. Francis Taylor being upwards of Two Years in constant service – he further states that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services and that he has long since lost or destroy'd his discharge.

[Capitalization partly corrected]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County

Shelby Circuit Court June Term 1820

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record of Common Law and Criminal Jurisdiction, Jesse Alvis aged sixty three years, resident in the County of Shelby in said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the Continental line in the month of March 1778 in the third Virginia Rigt. that he continued in the service until about March or April 1780 when he was discharged at Winchester in Virg'a. the Regm't. was commanded by Colo. Francis Taylor He further states that he made application by his declaration for a pension under the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 which declaration was dated the [blank] day of June 1819 and received his Pension Certificate dated the [blank] day of [blank] 1819 No. [blank] and has drew his pension up to 4<sup>th</sup> March 1820

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 "an act to provide for certain person 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. He further states that he is old in bad health and a Cripple caused by getting his shoulder dislocated and afflicted with Rehumatic pains he follows the occupation of farming but is unable to do hard labour he further states that he has a wife and five children living with him, his wife old and afflicted with the Rehumatic pains his children five in number two sons & three daughters The sons one fifteen years of age and one Eleven years who was born a Cripple with a reel[?] foot & the Daughters one twenty one years old one thirteen years old and one

eight years old his family is a helpless one. And none but the son of fifteen years old capable of rendering him any assistance towards a support

The following is a Schedule of his property towit, One small horse which he has not paid for and which he has promised to pay \$26 One other old horse in his possession given to him to work with the Polew [plow?] not worth five dollars One cow & calf worth \$12 or 15 two sows & her shoats worth \$10 One plow and one ax and some cooking utensils and table furniture worth from fifteen to twenty dollars making his whole property worth from seventy to eighty dollars and in debt for near half of that

Jesse hisXmark Alvis

The undersigned [James M. Franklin, pension application S31040] having been called upon by Jesse Alvis to state what he knows in relation to the services of said Alvis in the war of the revolution states

That some time in the winter of 1778-9 he saw said Alvis at the American Barracks in Albemarle County, Virginia – that said Alvis was then acting as a guard over the British Prisoners [captured at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] – that Holman Rice was his captain – that Col Francis Taylor was then in command at the Barracks – that early in the year 1781 the soldiers were marched from thence to Winchester – from Winchester to Jamestown – that said Alvis remained in the army during this period [see endnote] and was in the battle at Jamestown [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] – that from thence the army was marched to Yorktown – that said Alvis served in the Siege of that place which lasted from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> October '81 at which time the enemy surrendered – that from thence the troops were marched again to Winchester and from thence a detachment with s'd Alvis back to Yorktown to act as a guard to the baggage &c – that said detachment arrived at Yorktown about November 1781. At this time the undersigned was discharged, and he did not again see said Alvis during the war but verily believes he remained in the service about one year afterwards. The Company under the command of s'd. Rice and to which said Alvis was attached belonged to the 3<sup>d</sup> Regt Virginia Regulars. He also states in addition that when the troops were first marched to Winchester the said Capt Rice did not go, but was sent southward, and the command of the company devolved upon Edward Sterne[?] the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut.

[signed 15 Oct 1834] James M franklin

[The following documents are in the rejected bounty land claims at the Library of Virginia:

[http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/PIBMRF47A4H36741BQ5RQDMCBN8PB2ID5A7E8YF4ELC8L3C5C4-01075?func=full-set-set&set\\_number=001443&set\\_entry=000002&format=999](http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/PIBMRF47A4H36741BQ5RQDMCBN8PB2ID5A7E8YF4ELC8L3C5C4-01075?func=full-set-set&set_number=001443&set_entry=000002&format=999) and  
[http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/PIBMRF47A4H36741BQ5RQDMCBN8PB2ID5A7E8YF4ELC8L3C5C4-05038?func=full-set-set&set\\_number=001469&set\\_entry=000001&format=999](http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/PIBMRF47A4H36741BQ5RQDMCBN8PB2ID5A7E8YF4ELC8L3C5C4-05038?func=full-set-set&set_number=001469&set_entry=000001&format=999)]

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Shelby County }

The affidavit of Jesse Allvice taken at Shelbyville this 12 day of October 1834

This affiant states that in in the summur of 1778 he was a citizen of Gouchland county Virginia, that in said summer he enlisted as a regular soldier for and during the war in Captain Holeman Rices Company, by Edward Herdon said Rices Lieutenant, that this affiant was marched by Captain Holeman Rice the first time to guard the prison, which had been taken prisoner at Burgoyne defeat and stationed in Albermarl County at the Albermarl Barrax some distance from Charlottesville, that this affiant continued there untill two years had expired or thereabouts, when the prisoners were removed, but this affiant was ordered to do other service in different parts of Virginia, which he continued to do untill some four months after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis, when this affiant was honorably discharged from further service, by one captain Davenport who had got the command of this affiant this affiant states that Col Francis Taylor commanded at the Barrax Lt Col Fountain [sic: William Fontaine]. There was also a Genl [James] Wood who had the command in chief, this affiant states he has lost his discharge long since and

never has rec'd from the State of Virginia or the United States any bounty land that he is a resident at this time of Shelby County and a pensioner of the United States further this af't says not

Jesse hisXmark Alvis

I Holman Rice aged Seventy Seven years formerly of the State of Virginia & County of Goochland do certify that I was duly a Captain in Colonel Francis Taylors Regiment of Albemarle Guards stationed in Barracks to Guard Burgoines prisoners in the year 1779. and that Jesse Alvis was Enlisted In my Company, by Lieutenant Edward Herndon to Guard the prisoners aforesaid, and further that the said Regiment was Considered as Other Continental Troop whoes servaces was during the War and the said Alvis served as a Faithful Soldier During my Command of the first Company in said Regiment. Given under my hand, now at Frankfort Kentucky, Otherwise a Citizen of Bath County Kentucky this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1834  
Holman Rice Capt.

[Rice made a similar statement on 15 May 1835. Alvis petitioned the Governor for bounty land on 13 July 1835.]

NOTE:

The service in 1781 may have been as a militiaman and not mentioned in Alvis's declarations, because the acts of 1818 and 1820 did not cover militia service.

On 13 Feb 1837 Alvis applied to have his pension transferred to Washington County IN where he and his wife, being old and helpless, had moved to live with their son, David Alvis