

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Montgomery S36172

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State of Kentucky Morgan County Sct.

On this 3rd day of September 1827 personally appeared in Open Court it being a Court of record for the County aforesaid it being made so by the Laws and Statutes of this State and assigned to be such by the other tribunals of this State with power to fine and in prison always keeping a record of its proceedings, Alexander Montgomery resident in said County aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820, that he the said Alexander Montgomery enlisted for the term of five years on the __ day of August in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Read in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the close of the War in 1781 when he was honorably discharged from the Service at Monmouth in __ County in the State of __, that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatsoever except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Kentucky and in pursuance of the Act of Congress 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

5 plains [planes] worth one dollar each	\$5.00
One hand saw all worth 15/	2.50
One Square worth	<u>3.00</u>
	\$10.50

S/ Alexander Montgomery

That I have no family excepting myself that my occupation has been that of a Blacksmith I am unable any longer to pursue it that my reason for not making an earlier application for a pension is that I had no person to support but myself and being a man of good health until within a few years past I was able by my labor at my trade to earn my victuals and close I was unwilling to become a charge to that Country for which I had spent the Bloom of my Youth to achieve its liberties and now reluctantly in the decline of my age by penury and want and compelled to [one or more indecipherable words] that which I never intended to do that is to say that I am

dependent on the Charity of my Country for support.

That since the 18th day of March 1818 there has been no changes made in my property more than I have merely supported myself by my labor at the blacksmith Business. I have made no trades –

Sworn to and declared on in Open Court on the 3rd day of September 1827 before the subscribers Justices of the peace composing said County Court and we do further Certify that it is the Opinion of this Court from the evidence before us that the said Alexander Montgomery has rendered the Services to his Country in his Declaration set forth and we all further Certified that it is in the Opinion of this Court that from the Indigent circumstances he does stand in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Lsaac Lykins
S/ John Rose
S/ William Lewis
S/ John S. Oakley

State of Kentucky Floyd County Sct.

The following is the depositions of Benjamin Wages and Peter Sullivan [Peter Sullivan] taken to prove the Enlistment and services of Alexander Montgomery an old Revolutionary Soldier

1st Benjamin Wages¹ after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement Respecting his knowledge of the Enlistment and services of the said Alexander Montgomery while in the actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War

I Benjamin Wages do swear that I was well acquainted with Alexander Montgomery in the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolutionary war in Captain Read's company in Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment of Infantry in the line of the State of Virginia that I do know that the said Alexander Montgomery did enlist in Washington County in the State of Virginia in or about the year 1777 and for the term of five years that I do know that the said Alexander Montgomery did serve in said Regiment for upwards of one year under one and the same Enlistment, that I do know that the said Alexander Montgomery was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and I being wounded there Mr. Montgomery was marched from there while I was in the hospital before I got able for duty and I frequently heard from him during the war but I never seen him anymore until the close of the war.

S/ Benjamin Wages, X his mark

Here also follows the Deposition of Peter Sullivan² taken at the same time and place I Peter Sullivan do swear that I was well acquainted with Alexander Montgomery in the Services of the United States in the Army of the Revolutionary war – that I did see him Enlist in Washington County State of Virginia in Captain Read's Company that I do know that he served in Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment in the Virginia line and did serve in said Regiment under one and the same Enlistment for upwards of one year during which time I was well acquainted with him. I served in Febiger's Regiment and having been acquainted with Montgomery we frequently seen one another during the war while we were both in the service of the United States.

S/ Peter Sullivan, X his mark

¹ [Benjamin Wages R10993](#)

² [Peter Sullivan W3736](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 9, 1828, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]