

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Alverson S39148

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District of South Carolina

I John Alverson, do hereby swear & affirm, that during the American Revolutionary War, I belonged to the Eleventh Virginia Regiment, on the Continental Establishment, commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan, and belonging to the Company in that Regiment commanded by Captain William Smith. That I was at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], where I lost two fingers of my left hand being shot off; the sinew of my right arm, was cut by a British Dragoon in the retreat: Besides which I received two bayonet stabs in my right thigh & Leg. – I was afterward in the winter of 1778 discharged at the Valley Forge: the discharge I long had but moving about it has been worn out & destroyed. I afterwards went to my home in Virginia, & came to this State where I took a waggon master’s place in the army, and was taken prisoner by the British at the fall of Charleston in 1780 [12 May] – I now receive a pension from the United States of forty dollars pr ann or thereabouts. which in case of my receiving a pension under the late Act of Congress of March 18, 1818 entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War” I do hereby relinquish; as well as any other pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States. And I swear that from my reduced circumstances, I need the assistance of my Country for support and that it is not in my power to produce papers to support my claims but they are so far supported, as having entitled me to be put heretofore on the pension list of the United States.

Columbia April 24th 1818

John hisOmark Alverson

South Carolina } To wit. On this nineteenth day of April 1822 personally appeared in open Court,
Laurens District } being a court of record Court, the circuit Court holden for the said District. John Alverson aged sixty three years, resident in said District, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: towit in the Eleventh regement commanded by Colo. Daniel Morgan in Capt William Smith’s company of the Virginia line, that on the twenty fourth day of April Eighteen hundred and eighteen in the circuit court holden for the District of Laurens he made his declaration in conformity to the law of the united states of the 18th March 1818, and received from the Secretary of War a certificate that he was inscribed on the pension list roll of South Carolina agency at the rate of eight Dollars per month to commence on the 24th day of April 1818 which certificate is dated the 7th of April 1820, on which certificate he has received the sum of fifty nine Dollars. 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, that I am by occupation a farmer or labourer, but in consequence of the wounds I received at the battle of brandywine by a stroke of the broad sword across the shoulder of my right arm is greatly disabled, two of my fingers on the left hand were shot off, and I was Bayoneted in the right thigh and leg, and from the infirmities of old age I cannot do much work, that I have a wife named Frances aged Fifty three years, one son named Zachariah aged eighteen years, and a Daughter named Frances aged fourteen years residing with me, sworn to in open court the 19th April 1822.

John hisXmark Alverson

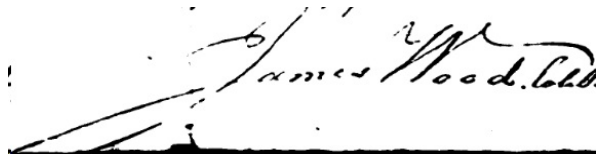
A schedule of the property of John Alverson

1 One sow & 6 pigs estimated as worth \$9. one blind mare \$20 4 Tubbs & slays & Harnesses & Loom \$6.
2 pots \$6. one pot rack \$2. d’o. \$1.25. \$44.25

flatt Irons \$2. 2 pails \$1. 2 washing tubbs \$2.50. 3 chairs \$1.50. knives and forks \$2.	
crockery ware \$1.50. pewter 6 plates 75¢. 2 dishes \$1.50. 2 basons \$1.50. . 14.25	
1 plow & geer \$2. 2 weeding Hoes \$1. 1 Axe \$1.50. about 4 barrells corn \$12.	
nearly 30 lb. bacon \$3.75.....	20.25
John hisXmark Alverson	\$78.75

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

John Alverson was a Soldier in the 11th Virginia Regiment enlisted I think for the war, he was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, and [several undeciphered words] on the Pension List, which is a Convincing proof with me that he is entitled to the usual Bounty in Lands
 17th Septem 1794 James Wood late BG



NOTE: John Alverson made a statement supporting the pension application (W8326) of his brother, James Alverson. A letter from Alverson’s agent states that Alverson was living “in Laurens District in the fork between Reedy River and Saluda, at Hodge’s ford on Raborns [Rabon] Creek.” A note on the pension certificate states that Alverson died on 25 Feb 1829.