

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Alexander S6488

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions August Term 1832

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County and State aforesaid on the fourth Monday of August aforesaid and now sitting Charles Alexander a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 –that he was born in the year 1762 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. That he has a record of his age at home – that he was born in the said County aforesaid and State and that he has lived in the neighborhood where he was born since his birth – that he first entered the service of the United States in the state Troop of North Carolina under Col. Irwin [Robert Irwin] -- his Captain he does not remember – that this was ~~under~~ in the year 1780 at the time of Colonel Bluford [sic, Abraham Buford] defeat in the Waxhaw [May 29, 1780] and served two weeks – and dismissed in Charlotte – and the same year in a short time he again volunteered under Colonel Irwin-- the British being in the Waxhaw under Rawdon – that the American force retreated to Coddle Creek-- and after returned under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – and was under him at the time the Battle of Ramsour [Battle of Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780] was fought – that he served about three weeks during this tour – that he then in the same year he volunteered under Major William R. Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] – for three months and was after the Tories under Bryan [Colonel Samuel Bryant] – done service in the Waxhaw and was at the Battle of the Hanging Rock [probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle at Hanging Rock August 6, 1780, the first engagement having been on July 30, 1780] under the Major aforesaid under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] – he was verbally discharged by Major Davie at Charlotte after the tour of duty was performed. That he again volunteered at Swann's encampment on McCalpin's Creek [sic, McAlpine Creek] in said County – under Captain William Alexander under Colonel Irwin and William Lee Davidson was General – at the time Cornwallis was in Charlotte [late September and early October 1780] – that during this tour he served about a month on this expedition and was regularly discharged – He again volunteered for three months in the Calvery [sic, Cavalry] in the year 1781 under the command of Captain Joseph Graham – that Rutherford commanded the expedition – that Robert Smith was the Colonel of the Cavalry – this was at the time that Craig [James Craig] with the British lay at Wilmington – that he was regularly dismissed at or near Wilmington – that he has no documentary evidence of his service as aforesaid but refers to the certificates of Thomas Downes ~~and~~ as to his services and as to his character for truth he refers to the certificate of David Downes and Samuel Boatwright.

That the whole of the time he was engaged in the service of the United States was about eight months and one week – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Alexander

*Charles Alexander*

We Thomas Downes and Samuel Boatwright residents of the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid doth hereby certify that we all well acquainted with Charles Alexander and that he is believed and reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion and that his character for the truth is good in his neighborhood. Thomas Downs further swears that he was with the said Charles Alexander under General Rutherford on his expedition to Wilmington as above mentioned.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos Downs<sup>1</sup>

S/ Samuel Boatwright

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[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died September 6, 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.05 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Infantry & Cavalry for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Downs S8337](#)