

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Albert Fort S6847

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State of South Carolina Darlington District

On this the 25 day of March A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court and the Court of Common Pleas for the District and State aforesaid Albert Fort, a resident of the same State and District aged Seventy-six years 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 7th 1832. That he was born near the town of Tarborough on Tar River North Carolina on the first day of April 1758: that his age was recorded in a Testament which deponent believes at this time to be lost. When he was about eight years old his father removed with him to Kershaw District South Carolina where he lived ten years and then moved to Darlington District where deponent has lived ever since. He was living in Kershaw District when he entered the service as a substitute for his father under Capt. John Chestnut of the Militia. He went from Kershaw to Purrysburg on the Savannah [River] -- he marched in a Regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Kershaw, which Regiment was stationed at Purrysburg where deponent remained until his term of three months expired. He had no engagement with the British, but could hear their evening & morning guns at Savannah where they were stationed. Deponent cannot fix the precise time of his service, but knows it was immediately after the capture of Savannah by the British. In the year 1779 he served three months as a private in the Militia under the same Capt. -- was drafted & marched to a small town on the Georgia side of the Savannah River where he remained until the expiration of the time for which he was drafted. In the year 1781 he served one month as a drafted militia man in General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Army on the High Hills of Santee and Lieut. Boykin's Company (that he is in the Company which he commanded). Also in the latter part of the year 1782, he served one month at Jeffries Creek Bridge in Darlington District under Capt. Connel [Simon Connell] Col. Baxter [Jacob Baxter] being the highest Officer. He was stationed at this place & remained there during the whole time except when occasionally sent out on excursions against the Tories in the neighborhood. He has just stated specifically all those terms of engagement upon which his memory can't fix with sufficient certainty. He well knows however that he served during the whole of the war whenever he was called upon which was much oftener than he has enumerated: but not being able to specify those terms particularly so as to meet the requisitions of the Department he makes no claim for any Services other than those already mentioned. He has just stated as well as an imperfect memory will allow the general circumstances of his Service -- he recollects no other names of officers than those he has mentioned & he threw away or lost every discharge which he ever received. Those who received

from the Officers under whom he served, at the expiration of each term he engaged, so that he has no documentary evidence of his services & knows of no person now alive whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed 25th March 1834 In open Court
S/ Jno. B. Bruce, C. C. Pls.

S/ Alb. Fort



[John Good, a clergyman, and Alexander M. McIver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Albert Fort pp 8
Audited Account No. 2498

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No. 193 Book N

Mr. Albert Ford [sic] his Account of 1,000 pounds beef for Continental use in 1781 and for 70 days Militia Duty as Private in 1781 & 1782 the whole Amounting to

Stg. [Sterling] £17.16.8

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Gentlemen}

5th of March 1785

Please to Deliver Mr. Alexander Craig my Indents and oblige Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient and Humble Servant

S/ Albert Fort



To the Public Treasurers
of the State of South Carolina

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¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

State of South Carolina	To Albert Ford [sic]	Dr.
July 15 th 1781	To 30 days duty in the Militia	
October 21 1782	To 40 days duty in the Militia} 70 days at 10/ £35	<u>£5.0.0 [Stg.]</u>
[Note: account for beef omitted]		[total] £17.16.8

South Carolina Cheraw District} Albert Ford [sic] made Oath before me that the above account is Just and that he has never received any satisfaction for the same
Sworn 13th day of August 1783
S/ Thomas Powe, JP

Received the 31 January 1785 full Satisfaction for the above Account in an Indent No. 193 Book N for £17.10.8 Sterling in Virtue of an order from the above named Albert Fort
S/ Alex^r Craig



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