

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Orr S7282

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & quarter sessions August Term 1832

On this 29th day of August 1832 appeared before the Justices of said Court now sitting James Orr a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged eighty-two years who being 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 the 7th 1832 that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania on the Susquehanna River and came to the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina when about two years old, that he was born in the year 1750 and that he has been a resident of the said County of Mecklenburg ever since he removed to it, that he was [in the] United States service under Captain William Alexander in 1780 that he was drafted for a three months tour that in consequence of sickness of his wife he hired a substitute by the name of Hutchison who was killed at the battle of Hanging rock. That he first entered the service in the State Troops of North Carolina under Captain Mebane who commanded a company of mounted riflemen and marched to Cross Creek now known as the town of Fayetteville and from thence he marched under the same Captain to Wilmington to the assistance of General Ashe & Moore of the Continental line in this tour he served two months and was regularly discharged this was in the year 1776. That in the same year he volunteered as a private under the same Captain and marched from Charlotte to the Quaker Meadows on the head of the Catawba River and from thence across the Blue Ridge into the Cherokee nation against the Indians of the same name. That the Colonels were Robert Irwin, Adam Alexander & Phifer the commanding officer was General Rutherford that he was regularly discharged and served out on this tour five months that the said James Orr further declares that he was frequently engaged in the service for short periods of time sometimes for one [illegible word] at other times for a longer period but this service was rendered irregularly as the situation of the country required. That the whole time he was out in the service of the United States for which he sets up any claim under the act aforesaid is about seven months. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State, that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove that he served as aforesaid having lost his discharges where they were given in writing and a vers that they knew were verbal, is here not given as aforesaid [?]. He refers to the certificate herein after set forth of

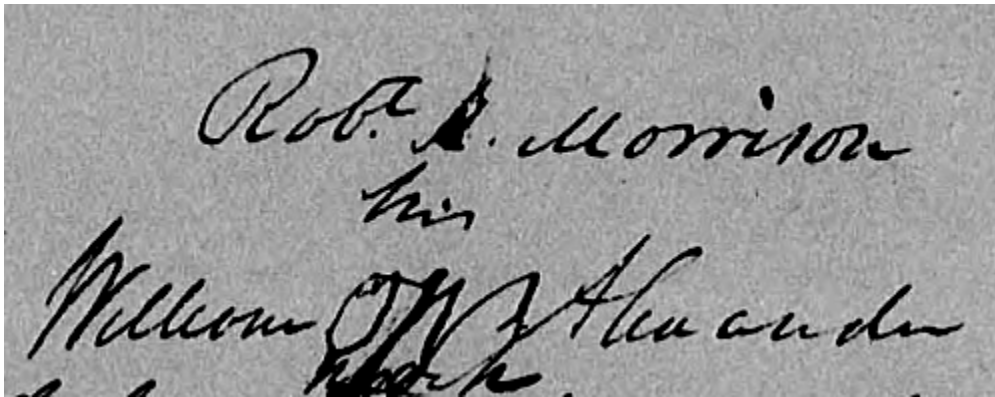
Captain William Alexander.

That he didn't so serve and as to his character for veracity he refers to the certificates aforesaid and also to the certificate here unto appended of the Reverend Hall Morrison – that he has a record of his age in his father's Bible at home.

Sworn to and subscribed this 29th day of August 1832.

S/ James [sic]

We Robert Hall Morrison, a resident adding in the County aforesaid and William Alexander resident of said County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Orr who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be eighty-two years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Captain William Alexander further swears that the said James Orr was drafted and found a substitute as alleged by him and that he was in that tour against the Cherokee Indians and served for the time that he declares.


A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "Robt. H. Morrison" and the bottom signature reads "William Alexander".

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: SS

On this 25th day of November in the year of our Lord 1834, personally appeared before the County Court for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina now sitting James Orr a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid aged eighty-four years the 5th day of March last 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania on the Susquehanna River the County not recollected, in the year 1750. That he removed to the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina at two years of age where he has resided ever since that time. That he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in the Infantry in the year 1776 ( the month of February) under the following named officers and served as herein after stated (viz.) The first Term of Service was under Captain Thomas Polk, Colonel Charles Polk, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the commanding officer, this was a six weeks Tour against the Tories at Cross Creek – that he was then discharged but that he has lost his discharge. That he entered the service of the United States again as a volunteer in the Cavalry in the year 1777. – Under the following named officers Elaby was Captain Hicks was Colonel, this was called the Snowy Campaign and the service was performed in the State of South Carolina and was a tour of six weeks. That he entered the service of the United States again in the year 1780 in November as a volunteer in the Cavalry under Colonel Davidson [William Lee Davidson] a part of the time he was wagon master. This was a three months Tour; That he entered the service of the United States again as a volunteer in the year 1780. That Captain William Alexander was his Captain.

That in this last mentioned tour he was at Ramsours Battle & Rutherford was General, this was a one months service that he again volunteered in the Service of the United States in the cavalry under Captain William Alexander Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] and that he was serving under the same officers when the British came to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. This last tour was a one months Tour. Your petitioner states that he received a discharge in every instance but that he lost them all.

Petitioner would further state that he has previously applied for a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 but at that time he was unable to establish all of his services during the Revolutionary War nor indeed is he now able to do so as to all – but the last mentioned Service he is confident he did perform, and he knows many persons who have not served anything like the time which he did who draw twice as much as he does. Since the filing of his last declaration he has procured other Testimony which he hopes will be satisfactory as to the balance of his services. In conclusion the petitioner is unable to say as in other instances would be required (viz.) that he relinquishes all claim to any other pension save this, but prays that this his claim may be considered and if the Department should be of the opinion that he is entitled to something more, that both may be considered as one and that he be permitted to forward his present certificate and that they may be consolidated and your petitioner will ever pray. Sworn to & subscribed before the court November 25th 1834

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "James W. Alexander". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

The following all the interrogatories propounded by the Court (Viz.)

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1752.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. My age is recorded in my Father's family Bible now in my possession,

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into the Service I was living in the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina where I have lived ever since and where I now live.

[form ends here]

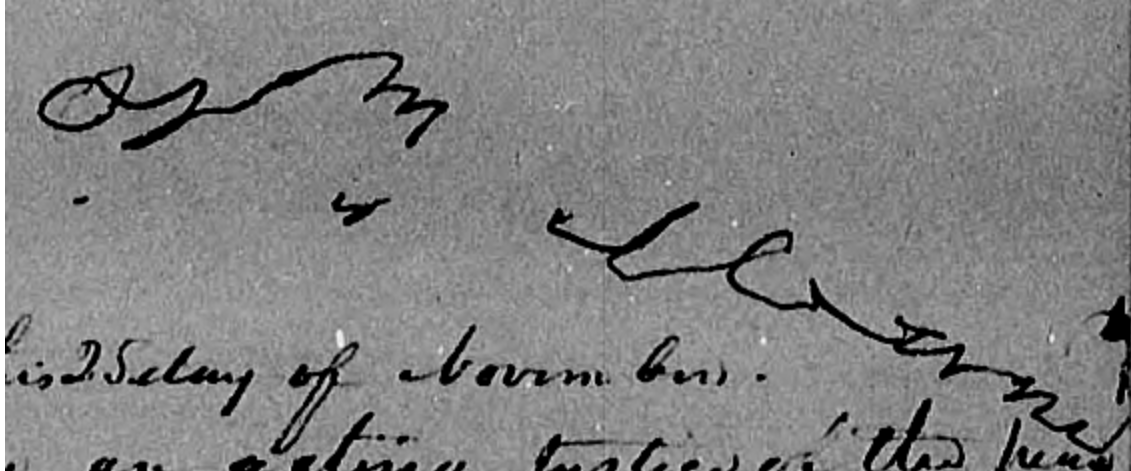
State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: On this \_\_day of ~~August~~ 1834 personally appeared before me one of the Subscribing Justices of the peace for the County of Mecklenburg William Alexander<sup>1</sup> who was a Captain in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, and made oath in due form of law that the Terms of Service of the petitioner as set forth in his petition are true so far as they come within his own knowledge, and those that do not come within his own knowledge he believes to be true. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Dan Alexander, JP

S/ Wm Alexander

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<sup>1</sup> [William Alexander S6496](#)



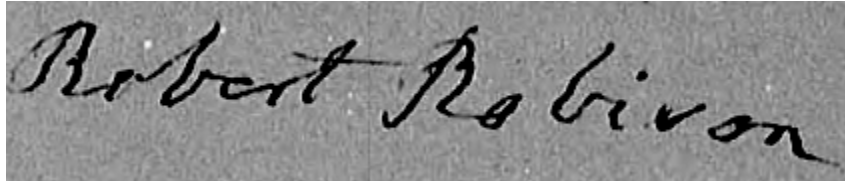
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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: On this 25 day of November 1834 personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Robert Robinson<sup>2</sup> who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and made oath in due form of law that the terms of service of the petitioner, as set forth in his petition are true as far as they come within his knowledge, and those that do not come within his own knowledge he believes to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 25th day of November 1834

S/ J. Thompson, JP

S/ Robert Robison



Robert Robison

[John Robinson, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Robert Robison S7426](#)