

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Alban S8019

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State of Ohio, Jefferson County Ss

On this 26th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, now sitting, George Alban, a resident of the township of Island Creek, in said County of Jefferson, aged seventy four years, the 14th of February last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted, as a private, in the Army of the revolution, in the last of February or 1st of March 1776, with Lieut John Jolliffe [John Joliff] in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Berry, of the 8th Virginia Rifle Regiment, commanded by Colonel [Peter] Muhlenberg. John Jolliffe was the 1st Lieutenant, Philip Easton 2nd Lieutenant, & Francis Baldwin, Ensign of said Company. The place of his enlistment was Winchester in the state of Virginia - from Winchester, the Company was marched to Fredericksburgh [Fredericksburg] in Virginia - from thence to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina - and from thence to Charleston, in South Carolina, where this declarant with his company was stationed through the summer of 1776 - Marched from Charleston in the fall of 1776 to the North - the place of encampment of said Company, during the winter of 1776 7 he cannot positively state. After being one year in the service, in the Company and Regiment aforesaid, Gen. Washington, then having his head quarters at Valley Forge, made a requisition from the Virginia Regiments of some men, for his body guard, and this declarant was one of those selected for this service. He served in this capacity until the period of his enlistment, which was two years, and was discharged at Valley Forge, in the last of February or 1st of March 1778 - his discharge was in writing and signed as he believes by Col. Muhlenberg - his discharge is lost, through time & accident. He was stationed at the Valley Forge, during all the time that he was in Gen. Washington's life guard.

Two or three days after his discharge as aforesaid, he entered the service as an Express Rider, under a Capt. Jeremiah Dunn, who had authority to engage a number for that service. The precise time of his service in this capacity he cannot state, but is certain it was not less than seven months, when, at Valley Forge, he had permission from Capt. Dunn to retire from the service.

Declarant is a native of Frederick County in the state of Virginia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. [signed] George Alban

NOTES:

A letter in the file states that the name "George Albin appears as a private on two Muster Rolls of General Washingtons Guards - one taken July the 13th and the other August 11th 1777."

According to a Treasury-Department document, the children of George Alban received the last pension payment. He died 27 Jan 1840.