

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Ewing W152                      Sally Ewing                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee } ss.  
Davidson County }

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1853 personally appeared before me [blank], Judge of the Chancellor for the Middle division of Tennessee, William B Ewing, a resident of said County and State, aged forty nine years, (with whom I am well acquainted, and who, I certify, is a man of veracity, and good repute,) and made the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions, of the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838.

That he is the son and Administrator of Sally Ewing dec'd. who was the Widow of Alexander Ewing, who was a Lieutenant of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia Continental troops in the Revolutionary War, and was appointed as such on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1777, as will appear by reference to the Certificate of Patrick Henry dated in 1778 endorsed upon the letter accompanying, from Colonel Preston to the said Patrick Henry then Govenor of Virginia that he continued in the service as a Lieutenant under said appointment, until the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1779, when he was commissioned a First Lieutenant by Congress in 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment Continental Line from Virginia, as will appear by reference to the original Commission herewith presented, that he continued to serve and perform his duty as a First Lieutenant until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1782 when he resigned his Commission, as appears from an endorsement on said Commission, signed by Major General Steuben, that he then quit the service after having served several years, that he afterwards received a Military Warrant No 6, in consideration of his Revolutionary services above recited, as will appear by reference to the two grants to portions of the land located by him with the aforesaid Warrant No 6, which are the original Grants and are genuine. That after Declarant's father, the said Alexander Ewing, quit the service he removed to the (now) State of Tennessee, where sometime during the year 1788 he intermarried with Sally Smith, Declarant's mother, which marriage took place in Davidson County Tennessee, that he has in his possession no other Record or documentary proof in support of said marriage than that hereto annexed, which as far as relates to the births of the children is a true copy of the original family record of the births kept by his father during his life time, Declarant having copied it long since from the original, which was taken to Williamson County Tennessee, but the whereabouts of which he does not now know. that his father and mother continued to live together as man and wife until the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1822, when his father died, and left his mother the said Sally Ewing surviving him who continued his widow to the day of her death, which event occurred on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1840, that she left the following named and only surviving children to wit, James Ewing, Randal M Ewing, William B Ewing and Louisa McGavock, all of whom still survive save Louisa McGavock who died in 1847, and left the following named and only surviving children viz Nancy Clared[?], Oscar McGavock, Amanda Armstrong, and Louisa Graham who still survive. That he has made ineffectual search for the marriage bond and license of his said Father and Mother, but the records of marriage at that day are very imperfect and that he herewith presents all the record or Documentary proof in support of the service of his father and marriage of his parents in his possession, and prays that the Pension due his deceased mother be granted and made payable to him as Administrator for the benefit of himself & the other heirs.

Wm. B. Ewing

His Excellency Patrick Henry Esq'r. Governour of Virginia

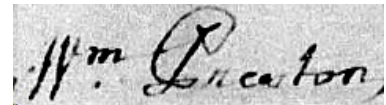
Montgomery Dec'r 3<sup>d</sup> 1777

At a meeting of the Field Officers and four oldest Justices of this County at the Court House the third day of Septm'r Last it was unanimously agreed to recommend Mr. [illegible] Campbell and Mr Alexander Ewing first & second Lieutenants of the Company [several illegible words] in this and Washington County, Upon which recommendation they [two illegible words] immediately to recruit & secure the Draughts that were made agreeable to the Act of Assembly [illegible] the Men are to meet in a Day or two in Order to march I have therefore ordered one of the young men to wait on your Excellency with a Return of the Men & to apply for their Commissions & such a Sum of Money as may be judged necessary to defray the Expences they have & may be at on their March & the other young Man to conduct the Partey to Alexandria or Georgetown in Maryland in order to be innoculated [for small pox].

As these young men have considerable Property there is no risque of any Money that may be put into their Hands [one or two illegible words] above Purposes being Misapplied.

I am sorry to inform you that several of the Draughts have deserted, tho' every precaution has been taken to prevent it, owing in great Measure to the Assistance & Advice of some unfriendly evil disposed Persons of which there are too many in this County.

I am your Excellency's most Obed't. & very Huble Serv't.  
[Col. William Preston]

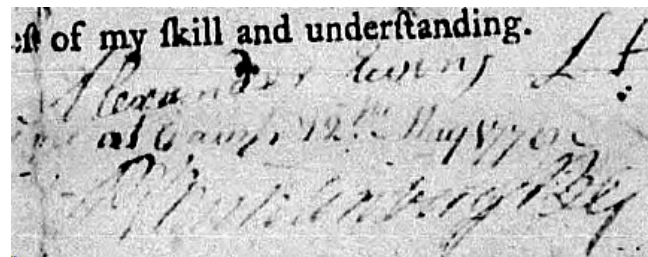


I Alexander Ewing 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. 14<sup>th</sup> Va Regt do acknowledge the UNITED STATES of AMERICA to be Free, Independent and Sovereign States, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the Third, King of Great-Britain; and I renounce, refuse and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him, and I do Swear that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend the said United States against the said King George the Third, his heirs and successors, and his or their abettors, assistants and adherents, and will serve the said United States in the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant which I now hold, with fidelity, according to the best of my skill and understanding.

Alexander Ewing Lt

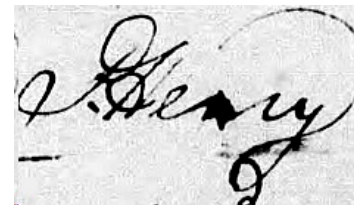
Sworn before me at Camp 12<sup>th</sup> May 1778[?]

[Peter Muhlenberg Brigadier General]



I certify that the Commissions of Mr. Campbell & Mr. Ewing ought to bear Date the 3<sup>d</sup> of September 1777 agreeable to the within Recomendation. I should have Delivered their Commissions so dated but those sent here by Congress were signed by Mr. Hancock & not Mr. Laurens [John Hancock and Henry Laurens, Presidents of the Continental Congress, 24 May 1775-29 Oct 1777 and 1 Nov 1777-9 Dec 1778, respectively].

Wms'burgh [Williamsburg] august 22<sup>d</sup> 1778



[Alexander Ewing's commission as Lieutenant is not legible enough for reliable transcription. The following is written on the back.]

The within Lieutenant Ewing has served with [?]tion but [several illegible words] obliging them to [three illegible words] he has obtained permission to Resign his Commission

Given under my hand at Richmond [several illegible words] 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jany 1782

Steuben [several illegible words]

State of Tennessee }

County of Davidson }

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1853, personally appears before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, John Shelby, a resident of said County, aged sixty seven years, (with whom I have been acquainted for many years, and who is, I certify, a highly respectable citizen, and a credible witness, and made oath as follows,

“I was intimately acquainted with Captain Alexander Ewing, late of this (Davidson) County Tennessee. He was reputed, and believed to have been, an Officer in the War of the Revolution, and was wounded in one of his legs, I recollect distinctly, a conversation between him and General Andrew Jackson. in which the General observed “Alick, the fellow that shot your leg must have had a rest, or he could not have hit it,” alluding to the small size of Captain Ewing's leg. Captain Ewing had a very respectable wife, and raised a highly respectable family of children, he died many years ago, his widow survived him several years. I have known his two sons Randal M Ewing, and William B Ewing, intimately from their childhood, I understand that the latter is the Administrator of his mother's Estate. I further swear that I am not interested either directly or indirectly in any claim growing out of or connected with Capt Ewing's service in any way. J. Shelby

#### NOTES:

According to Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*, Alexander Ewing was wounded at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC on 15 March 1781.

The family record is now faint, but an attempt at transcription follows. Information in brackets is from a typed summary in the file.

On 25 June 1853 Francis McGavock, 59, stated that Randal M. Ewing had died in California, and that a daughter who married his cousin, James McGavock, had also died.

#### BIRTHS.

Alexander Ewing was born Mar 10 1752

Sarah Ewing was born Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1761

John Love Ewing was born Apl 11<sup>th</sup> 1789

James Ewing was born Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1790

Lucinda Ewing was born Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1792

William Ewing was born Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1795

Alexander C. Ewing was born Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1797

Randal McGavock Ewing was born Nov [25<sup>th</sup>] 1799

Oscar Smith Ewing was born Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1801

William Black Ewing was born Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1803

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Sarah B Bysor was born Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 1806

Mary Louisa Ewing was born Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1827

John Alexander Ewing was born May 26<sup>th</sup> 1829

William Janes Ewing was born Jany 21<sup>st</sup> 1832

Martha Ann C. P. Ewing was born Dec 20<sup>th</sup> [1833]

Sarah Bysor Ewing was born [Dec] 31<sup>st</sup> 1835

DEATHS.

William Ewing died Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1796

Oscar S. Ewing died Octr 19<sup>th</sup> 1808

John L. Ewing died Feby 9<sup>th</sup> 1816

Alexander Ewing died Apl 9<sup>th</sup> 1822

Mary Louisa Ewing died [Sept] 12<sup>th</sup> 1833

William Janes Ewing died [March] 7<sup>th</sup> 1833

Alexander C. Ewing died June 13<sup>th</sup> 1834

Martha Ann [C. P. Ewing] died Apl 2<sup>nd</sup> 1836

Sarah B. Ewing died June 18<sup>th</sup> 1836

Sarah Ewing relict of Alexander Ewing died June 15<sup>th</sup> 1840 aged 78 years 10 months 3 days

MARRIAGES.

William B. Ewing & Sarah B. Bysor were married Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1825

William B. Ewing [& Mary C. Graves] were married [March] 21<sup>st</sup> 1838