

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Alley W256

Massey Alley

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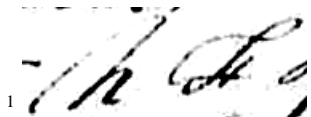
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State of Tennessee, Roane County: October Sessions 1833

On this 29 day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court it being a court of record James Alley 80 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, 1833 [sic, 1832], that in the year 1777 [he] volunteered in Captain Culpeper's [John Culpepper's] company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Love [Lieutenant Colonel David Love], went from Tryone [sic, Tryon] County North Carolina, marched from Tryon to the head of the Catawba [River], at which applicant was transferred into Captain Roberson's [probably Cornelius Robinson's] [Company] in the same Regiment, and was attached to the Brigade commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] marched through various parts of the Country to the Hiwassee [River] on a tour after hostile Indians at which time this applicant was discharged after having served seven months as he believes in 1777 but received no discharge applicant then went back to Tryon where he remained about 12 months, in 1779 he again volunteered in Captain Snoddy's [this may be Captain John Snoddy of the Virginia militia] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith marched to Boonesboro in Kentucky to defend the place at the time an Indian called black fish besieged it at which place this applicant was discharged after serving three months he did not receive a written discharge from thence he went to what is now Lee County Virginia where he remained about 12 months when he again volunteered in defense of his country in the company commanded by Captain Snoddy (his former Captain) Colonel's name not recollected, marched to a place called the Block house on the [illegible word or letters]¹ of Holston [River] from thence to the Crab orchard in Kentucky after the Indians at which place this applicant was discharged after serving three months this was in 1780 he received no discharge, he did not return home immediately from the Crab Orchard but substituted for a man by the name of McKinney in Captain Martin's Company – on an expedition against the hostile Indians marched out of the settlement to Lee's Town after serving two months this was in 1781 he was discharged at this time he received no discharge from which place he went back to the Crab Orchard where he remained a short time when he returned from service & went to



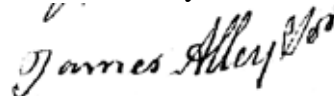
his father's home on Clinch River now Lee County Virginia after serving 15 months as above stated. Applicant was born in Henrico County Virginia in the year 1753. He had a record of his age but it is lost.

He was called into service as above stated he served under the officers above stated & don't recollect any other officers, the general circumstances of his services he has stated in the foregoing part of his Decla. And that he never received a written discharge he names the following persons who can certify as to his veracity in the neighborhood where he now resides to wit the Reverend Mr. Sellers, John Forester, Esq., Jacob L. Smith & Abner Casy and that he knows of no Living witness by whom he can prove his services, he now resides in Roane County Tennessee & has ever since 1821 previous thereto he lived some part of his time in [illegible word]² Tennessee & Kentucky &c.

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 the Agency of any State whatever. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October the 29th 1833.

S/ H. L. Parris, DC

S/ James Alley, Sr.



[M. H. Sellers, a clergyman, and John Forrester gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: What appears to be the second or some other subsequent page of a longer document includes an affidavit given by David Alley, son of the veteran, who gives testimony that his parents had 9 children *"one of which is Dead to wit Nancy aged about 50 or over, James aged 49 years, Fanny aged about 48 years, Sallie about 46 or 7 & this affiant 45, Doshia aged 43, Leah about 41 years & Joseph aged about 39 years, William who is dead – being the only children the said James and Massey head; – that the said James his wife & family moved from Guilford County North Carolina to the head of Powles Valley over 45 years since & remained there about 10 years, & then moved down said Valley to a place called the old Town remained there 4 or 5 years, then moved to Wayne County Kentucky staid there 10 or 12 years moved to Morgan County Tennessee he remained there 3 or 4 years then moved to Monroe County Tennessee & stayed there one year & then moved to Roane [County] where he resided until his death & it was during his residence there he obtained his pension since which time his widow the said Massey has resided in Morgan County Tennessee ever since, affiant further states that there is no family record of the marriage of his father to his knowledge that he knows from the statements of his father & mother he believes she is 80 years old.*

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th day of March 1839

S/ John Feagins, JP for Morgan County

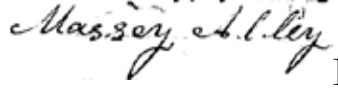
S/ David Alley, X his mark"

[p 38: On April 6, 1844 in Morgan County Tennessee, Massey Alley, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act as the widow of James Alley; that she was married to him on the first day of January 1782 but she cannot remember the County nor state in which she was married; that she was married to him while forted at a place called Tellico Block House; that

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her name prior to her marriage was Massey Saunders; that her husband died August 2, 1834; and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 23: On August 15, 1848 in Morgan County Tennessee, Massey Alley, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of James Alley, late pensioner for his service in the revolution; that her husband died August 2, 1834 a citizen of Roane County Tennessee; that she married him about the time his service in the Army expired.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Massey Alley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a small, faint rectangular box.

[Veteran died Aug. 2, 1834 in Roane County, TN; married Massey Saunders in either April or May 1781; widow died in April 1849.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the North Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]