

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Alford W386 Nancy Alford VA
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State of Kentucky } Sct
Garrard County }

On this the first day of May 1839 Personally appeared before me J M Myers a Justice of the peace for the County of Garrard and Sate aforesaid Nancy Alford a resident of the County of Garrard and State of Kentucky aged Seventy Seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows” That she is the widow of Jacob Alford who was a soldier in the revolution and was wounded at the Battle of the Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] in the ancle and was an invalid pensioner on the State of Virginia at the time of his death at the rate of Eight Pounds pr Annum two years pay was due at the time the said Jacob Alford died which pay the declarant drew by virtue of a power of attorney, from the said State of Virginia What services or how long the said Jacob Alford (done or) served the declarant does not now recollect, But would refer the department to her Husbands declaration, and evidence filed in this case in the state of Virginia. She further declares that she was married in Louisa County in the State of Virginia on the fourth day of March Seventeen hundred and Seventy nine (1779) that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Alford died in the County of Garrard Ky in the month of June on the third day 1803 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninty four Viz at the time above stated. She further declares she knows of no record evidence of her marriage, But there is a record of the said Jacob Alford and the declarants Childrens ages in her family Bible which bible is and has been in the possession of the declarant for fourteen years
Nancy herXmark Alford

The deposition of Jesse Robards [pension application W8563] a resident of Garrard County Ky taken to be read as evidence in favour of the application of Mrs. Nancy Alford for a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th July 1841

Deponent being Seventy Nine years old deposeseth and saith that he was well acquainted with Jacob Alford Dec'd before he entered the service of his Country in the Revolution and his acquaintance continued with the said Jacob Alford until his death,
Deponent recollects perfectly well that the said Jacob Alford, the deponents Brother George Robards William Layne Stapleton Crutchfield [S9249] Thomas Laurence [S31205] & Joseph Lewis on a Saturday evening got into a frolic at a little Country tavern in the County of Goochland in the State of Virginia in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy Seven and all of the above named men enlisted at that time under Lieutenant George Holland for the term of three years and they all went into the army with the exception of Joseph Lewis who was an indentured apprentice and by that means his Father got him off Those men Jacob Alford included Joined Captain [Moses] Hawkins company of the fourteenth Virginia Regiment, Captain Hawkins fell at the Battle of the Brandywine and Jacob Alford was wounded in said Battle for which wound he obtained a pension from the State of Virginia and drew said pension up to his death,

The deponent was not at the wedding when the said Jacob Alford was married but was in the neighbourhood and recollects hearing it said that the said Jacob Alford and Nancy Hunter was married this wedding took place in Louisa County Virginia near the line dividing Louisa from Goochland County and was previous to the Deponents leaving that state for Kentucky he left the state of Virginia in Seventeen hundred & Eighty. The said Jacob Alford a few years afterwards moved to the State of Kentucky and settled near the deponent and there died near forty years ago And he knows his widow the present applicant has remained a widow and lives on the same old farm of her husband ever since

[signed 1 Jun 1841] J Robards

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I do hereby Certify that Jacob Alford late a Sold'r in the Seventh Virginia Regiment served therein from the first Day of January 1777 to the 15th Day of March 1779 when he was Discharged in consequence of a wound wh he rec'd. at the Battle of Brandywine & rendered him incapable of further service

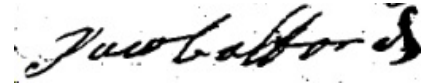
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Mayo Carrington Capt
5th Va. Reg't

Jacob Alford having made application as a Pensioner to be examined, find a Ball has enterd the Joint of the left ancle, which Ball he says has never been extracted, & that the wound was received at the Battle of Brandywine. Considerable injury has been received & An ulcer still remains on the ancle, – the foot is much wither'd, the leg also somewhat less than the other – the Joint, a good diminished in its free montion – being no Tradesman, he is certainly disabled in some degree from supporting himself by hard Labour as a Planter, or by any other mode which requires much walking.

W. Foushee
Feby. 26th 1787

[In the online image of the following the left part is missing at the places shown by *.]

[*] Please to pay to Hudson Martin as [*] the within Sum of Eight pounds and oblige your H Ser't
[She]riff of Albemarle County
April 10th 1789



April 10th Received of William Clark the [*]in Contents of Eight pounds.
[*] Oglesby

Hudson Martin

NOTES:

The file contains a bounty-land warrant dated 12 Jan 1784 for 100 acres for three-years service in the Continental Line by Jacob Alford.

Jesse Alford, 46, son of Jacob and Nancy Alford, stated that he wrote the family register transcribed below about 14 years previously from the dates given by his mother.

Charles Alford was Borne December the 10th 1779

John Alford was borned February the 5th 1782

Lucy Alford was borned September the 21st 1783

Paton Alford was borned February the 25th 1785

Polly Alford was borned march the 10th 1787

Marthe Alford was borned march the 17th 1789

William Alford was borned August the 31st 1791

Jesse Alford was borned may the 23^d 1793

Stephen Alford was borned march the 28th 1795

On 5 May 1843 Nancy Alford gave her age as 82, and she stated that her husband “was wounded in said war in the Ancle and remained a Cripple all of his life and it was the Cause of his Death.” On 24 June 1844 her age was given as about 84.