

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Joseph Alexander W5613

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

Pensylvania Washington County Ss

On this second day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County aforesaid Joseph Alexander a resident of Donegal township Washington County Pensylvania aged seventy seven years, last July 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 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

In the month of July 1776, I volunteered under Catt [sic: Capt.] William Herod & was placed in the fort at Grave Creek, Ohio County Virginia [near present Moundsville WV, possibly Fort Tomlinson]. After Catt Herod left us, we were placed under the command of Catt Wall. we remained in this fort for the term of five months, guarding it & scouting along the river, in pursuit of the Indians, who occasionally comitted great depredations upon the lives & property of the inhabitants. In October of this year about twelve of our company were sent down near Marietta to bury some person from Kentucky, who had been murdered by the savages. At the expiration of five months, we were dismissed by Catt Wall. In March 1777 I volunteered under Catt Samuel Mason of Wheeling fort, & with some other companies were placed in this fort. We remained here for seven months guarding the fort & scouting up & down the river in pursuit of the savages. During this term of service the Indians perpetrated great outrages. the Capt kept us almost continually on the watch for the savages who came across from the Ohio side, & they would very often elude the pursuit of our men. It was a very severe & trying time upon the men, who were almost continually beset by the merciless savages. After serving our term of seven months, we were discharged by our Cattain Mason who lived with his family in the fort, which was situated where the town of Wheeling Virginia now stands. In the month of March in 1778 the Indians still committing great depredations, I volunteered with a number of others under our old Catt Mason & again went in the Wheeling Fort. I remaind here another term of seven months, engaged in the same way guarding the fort & scouting after the savages, who were murdering a great number of people. At the expiration of our seven months we were again discharged by Catt Mason. In the month of March 1779 I volunteered under Catt Mason & again went in the Wheeling Fort. We remained till some time in the summer of this year, when we went with our Captain Mason, under the Command of Col Daniel Brodhead & marched to Pittsburgh Pensylvania. It was at this place we met with Col Brodhead who was then with a Regiment, & we all marched under the command of the Col to the Muncey towns up the Alleghy river [sic: Munsey Indian towns up Allegheny River, 11 Aug - 14 Sept 1779]. Near there town we were attacked by the Indians – we killed ten or twelve of them & they then fled. We then marched on to the towns, five of which we totally destroyed by fire. We also cut up the corn near the towns & carried off a good deal of plunder & returned to Pittsburgh in September 1779 when we were discharged by our Col Brodhead after serving seven months in this tour. I have no documentary testimony to prove my services, no do I know of any person except John Colvell [sic: John Caldwell, pension application S9146] & Abraham McCullough [Abraham McColloch, S15534] who live in Ohio County Virginia & whom I cannot produce in this Court. I was born in the County Tyrone in the Kingdom of Ireland, in the year 1755. I came to America in the year 1771. I have no record of my age. When I entered the service I lived in Ohio County Va. & have lived in Washington County Pa. ever since the [Mason-Dixon] line was run between Virginia & Pensylvania. My service was all volunteered. I do not know the names of any of the regular officers, except Col Brodhead, nor do I know the names of any of the continental regiments. I received written discharges from each of

my Captains & from Col Brodhead, but have lost them some years since. I am well known by Isaac Mayes Doct Samuel McKeehan, James Allison Esq. who can testify to my character for veracity & who believe that I was a soldier of the Revolution. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present, & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[signed] Jos Alexander

NOTE: On 9 July 1855 Sarah Alexander, 53, resident of West Alexander in Washington County, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Alexander on 25 Nov 1813, and he died 1 Oct 1834. Mary Henderson, 70, deposed that the maiden name of Sarah Alexander was Sarah Woodburn, and that the marriage was officiated by her husband, Joseph Henderson, who had been an acting Justice of the Peace. On 4 July 1855 Sarah Alexander applied for bounty land.