

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Balmain W8116

Lucy Balmain VA

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State of Virginia

Frederick County Ss.

On the 31 day of December 1838, personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Lucy Balmain, a resident of Winchester in the said County, aged Eighty one 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 Alexander Balmain dec'd. who was a Chaplain in the Army of the Revolutionary War, and as she has always understood and verily believes served as such in the Virginia Continental line, as set forth in the certificate of James E. Heath Auditor dated 4th day of Sepr. 1838.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Alexander Balmain on the 31st day of October seventeen hundred and eighty six; that her husband the aforesaid Alexander Balmain died on the 16th day of June eighteen hundred and twenty one: 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 ninety four, viz: at the time above stated.

[signed] Lucy Balmain

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in the Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 5th day of June 1783, in the name of Alexander Balmain as Chaplain for £363 1. 7, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Thomas Jones and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. To Wit – pay as Chaplain to 13th Va Regt from 20th Feb'y 77 to 22 May 78 & as Brigade Chaplain from 22 May 78 to 1st Jan'y 1782

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 4th day of Sept'r 1838.

Jas E Heath AUDITOR

I further certify that it appears from a Book of Settlements made by Andrew Dunscombe That Alexander Balmain Chaplain settled his pay account up to 31st Dec'r 1782 & at the same time rec'd. five years full pay

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 4th day of Sept'r 1838.

Jas E Heath Aud

Virginia, Orange county, to wit,

Robert Taylor of the county & state aforesaid personally appeared before me a justice of peace for the said county and made oath that Lucy Balmain, of the town of Winchester, Virginia, is his sister, and that in his presence she was married to the rev'end Alexander Balmain, by the rev'end Matthew Maury of Albemarle county, previous to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety four and subsequent to the termination of the revolutionary war. That he always understood the said Alexander Balmain acted as a Chaplain to one of the Brigades, he thinks Muhlenberg's, of the Virginia troops on continental establishment and that he continued in service to the end of the War

[signed] Robert Taylor

Given under my hand this twenty fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Rich'd. M. Chapman J.P.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Balmain, Alex.]

Rev'd Alex Balmain has drawn a warrant for $666\frac{2}{3}$ acres, No 286 dated 3^d Ap'1 1783 for three years service
Wm Price Reg/ May 1st [year illegible]

The Rev'd Alexander Balmain was appointed a Chaplain to the 13th Virginia Regiment previous to the first of March 1777, but I am not able to ascertain the particular day. I perfectly remember travelling with him from Winchester to Pittsburg after his appointment, and that we set out on the Journey the first week in March in the same year. I further Certify that Mr. Balmain remained in service until the final Close of the war in November 1783.

Given under my hand this 5th May 1807.

James Wood formerly B. Gen.
Continental Army.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name. There is a small number "6" written at the bottom right of the signature.