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Pension Application of Robert Alvey W8321

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State of Kentucky } SS

County of Union }

On this twenty first day February in the year of our Lord 1842 personally appeared before the Union County Court Susan Alvey a resident of Union County aged seventy seven on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1842 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of Robert Alvey who was a regular soldier in the revolution – who was a resident of Prince William County and State of Virginia when he entered the Service. that said Alvey was under Captains Ashby and Blackwell but the Commanding Colonel or general she cannot state. but she believes he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] Charleston [siege of Charleston SC, ending 12 May 1780] and was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] that her said husband was taken prisoner at Charleston and made his escape with Richard Anderson afterwards Colonel Anderson who lived & died in Jefferson County Kentucky. [See endnote.] She cannot at this time specify the day or date that he entered the service or the date that he quitted the same but she is well assured he was in actual service seven years

She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Alvey on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1782 that her husband the aforesaid Robert Alvey died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1820, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred & ninety four viz at the time above stated Susan herXmark Alvey

Fauquier County Virginia 30<sup>th</sup> June 1818

Sir, I feel gratified when it is in my power to serve an old Soldier of the Revolution. you will therefore find a certificate below which will answer your purpose tho not so compleate as I wou'd. wish, owing to my haveing destroyed my muster and pay Rolls supposing after such a lapse of time I shou'd. not have any farther use for them, I am respectfully yours

John Blackwell

I Certify that Robert Alvey served in my Company of the Third Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution at least two years, and performed his duty faithfully as a Soldier and was honourably discharged, not haveing any of my muster or pay Rolls it is out of my power to state the precise time of his inlistment and discharge. Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day June 1818

John Blackwell formerly

a Capt. 3<sup>d</sup>. Virgi'a. on Continental establishment

NOTES:

“Richard Anderson” was evidently Richard Clough Anderson (pension application W1356), who was a Major when captured at Charleston. According to other records, however, Anderson did not escape, but was released on parole after nine months.

Henry H. Floyd deposed that he had been well acquainted with Robert Alvey and was a school mate of Susan Kitchen, whom Alvey married. The file contains a copy of a bond signed 21 Oct 1782 in Prince William County by Robert Alvey and George Renoe for the marriage of Alvey to Susannah Kitchen. The file also contains an inquiry dated 3 Nov 1847 on behalf of the children of Robert Alvey, one of whom was a poor widow with six small children living in Cincinnati. The letter stated that Susan Alvey died in 1843.