

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

Pension Application of Peter Alexander W8323

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State of Kentucky } SS –  
Woodford County }

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of October 1834 personally appeared before me Bernard James one of the Commonwealths Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Peter Alexander a resident of said County of Woodford and State of Kentucky aged Seventy six 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he was born in the County of Augusta State of Virginia in the year 1758 and resided there untill the year 1787 at which time he removed to the County of Rockbridge State of Virginia, where he resided untill the year 1803 in which year he removed to the County of Woodford State of Kentucky where he has resided ever since

That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Col. John Dickerson [John Dickenson], Maj'r Samuel McDowell, Capt. Charles Campbell Lieut. Joseph Alexander, Ensign Samuel Davidson. That he resided in the said County of Augusta State of Virginia and there entered the service in the month of September 1777 and left the same in the latter part of December of the same year. He left Augusta as aforesaid and marched through the big levels of Greenbrier [Big Savannah at present Lewisburg WV] passed Walkers Meadows, crossed the Gally [sic: Gauley] Mountains and Rivers and fell in below the falls of the Kenhawa [sic: Kanawha River], then down the bottoms of the same passing the burning springs [in present Wirt County WV] and big Cicamore [sic: Big Sycamore], then down to the mouth of the great Kenhawha to a Fort [Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant] He had not been there many days before the Indians killed a man by the name of Gillmore There was some Indians in the Fort, Cornstalk & Son and Red-Hawk and probably others. Gillmore's friends rushed in and shot them, he counted thirty Guns that was fired at them. [See endnote.] Gen'l. [Edward] Hand met us at the Fort but being disappointed in his force to go against the Indians [in present Ohio] he gave us a portion of his provisions such as Flour &c. He was here honourably discharged and returned home In this Tour he was over three months in the service

He was again drafted in the same County and State and entered the service in the month of May 1781 under the following officers Gen'l. William Campbell Col Huggart [sic: Thomas Hugart] Maj'r John Wilson, Capt Patrick Buckhannon [Patrick Buchanan], Lieut. John Boyd, Ensign John Crawford. Buckhannon returned home and he was then attached to Capt Francis Long's Company. He stood centry the first night on the south mountains from thence marched through Charlottesville [sic: Charlottesville] and Richmond and down near Williamsburg Gen'ls. Lafayette, [Anthony] Wayne & Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] were frequently with the Army. He saw Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan once but don't think he had any command though he made a speech to the Army. He was not at the Battle of James Town [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] in consequence of a little skirmish that took place a few days before in which some of the Company to which he belonged were wounded and taken to the Hospital He was sent with them to assist them and continued there a few days. He continued in the service untill some time in the month of August. He was then honourably discharged and returned home after having been in the service on this Tour over two months He was again drafted in the same County and State, and entered the service in the month of May 1782 under the command of Capt John McKittrick [John McKittrick] He marched by the Warm Spring Jackson River and through Greenbrier then crossed the mountain and thence into Taggerts Valley [sic: Tygart Valley] and remained there untill his time had expired which was at the expiration of two months. He was in different Forts in the Valley In this Tour he served full two

months (it being a two months Tour) at the end of which he was honourably discharged and returned home

He also states, that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service

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

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[signed] Peter Alexander

NOTE:

In Nov 1777 at Ft. Randolph Chief Cornstalk, his son Chief Ellinipsico, Red Hawk, and other warriors being held as hostages were murdered in retaliation for the killing of Lt. James Gilmore. For another account of this incident see the pension application of William Pryor (S8979).

On 2 May 1843 Jannett Alexander, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married Peter Alexander on 27 Mar 1787, and he died 14 Feb 1842. A record of the marriage was requested from Augusta County but not found. As proof of marriage she submitted a part of the family record from her Bible showing the birth of Peter Alexander, the death of a child, and their marriage, certified by her son-in-law Warren Hearn, and transcribed as follows:

BIRTHS

Peter Alexander Was Born April 1758

DEATHS

David Alexander Died August 1793

MARRIAGES

Peter Alexander was married To Jannt Steele on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1787