

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Alexander ¹ W8324
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State of Georgia, Jasper County

On this twenty fifth day of July in the year 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting (it being a Court of record), George Alexander, a resident of said County & State, aged seventy-three years the first day of May next, 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. That to the best of deponent's recollection he entered the service on the first day of April in the year 1781 at Charlotte in the State of North Carolina as a private under the Command of Col. Wade Hampton as one of the State troops & immediately thereafter joined the Company Commanded by Captain William Alexander then on the Congaree River in the State of South Carolina – deponent further states that he enlisted for the term of ten months, but Continued in actual service for twelve months before being discharged – that at the time he entered the Service he resided in Mecklenburg County North Carolina – that he entered the service as one of the State troops [of South Carolina] – that the day after he joined his Company, he was at the taking of Fort Granby² on the Congaree River-- deponent states that after leaving Charlotte he marched to the Congaree River by way of Winnsboro³ – the troops with which deponent served marched through various parts of South Carolina in watching the British, until, he was discharged at Goodwin's old fields on the Congaree River below Columbia South Carolina – that during the time of deponent's being in the Service of his Country, he was frequently under the immediate Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], who he recollects to have often seen, also Colonel Washington [William Washington], Generals Pickens [Andrew Pickens] & Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] – deponent states that he served a part of his time as one of the life guard of General Sumter – that on one or two occasions he recollects to have went with General Sumter in that capacity, to see his family who were then staying in Mecklenburg County, not more than two or 3 miles from Deponent's Father's [house]. Deponent further states that he received a discharge from Captain William Alexander, but it has long since been lost or destroyed; that he knows of no way by which he can prove his Services except by the affidavit of Captain William Alexander,⁴ which the deponent hopes & believes will be sufficient to corroborate his Statements.

¹ BLWt24619-160-55

² May 14, 1781: http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

³ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/winnsboro-c.htm>

⁴ [William Alexander S6496](#)

Deponent further states that he was born on Sugar Creek in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on the first day of May in the year 1764 – Deponent states that he has a record of his age at his house which was given to him by his Father. Deponent states that he was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina at the time he entered the service, & lived there all the time, till he moved to Georgia, Jasper County, about 20 years past, where he has lived ever since. Deponent states that he entered the service as one of the State troops.

Deponent states that he has already declared he was acquainted while in service with General Greene, Colonel Washington, General Sumter & Pickens & the general circumstances of his Service area deponent did receive a discharge from Captain William Alexander whose affidavit is attached to this declaration but that it has long since been lost or destroyed. Deponent states that he knows Dr. David A. Reese and Edward Y. Hill persons living in his neighborhood who can testify as to his soldier of the Revolution.

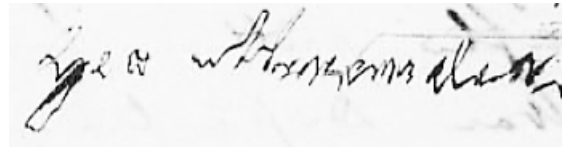
Deponent further relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

Attest:

S/ Robert Killam, Clerk

S/ Geo. Alexander Senior [?]



[David A. Reese and Edward Young Hill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[James H. George, a clergyman, also gave a supporting affidavit.]

[The Court refers to the applicant as “Colonel George Alexander.”]

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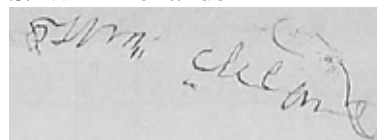
State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

Captain William Alexander being Sworn in due form of law deposeth & saith that George Alexander late of the County aforesaid Served as a private Soldier in the Company I commanded in the 10 months service under General Thomas Sumter that he served the full time out & to the best of his recollection he gave said George a legal discharged having Served in the first Regiment which Colonel Wade Hampton commanded & Further saith not

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of March 1836.

Attest: S/ Matthew Wallace, JP

S/ Wm Alexander



[p 8: On February 2, 1839, applicant applied for a transfer of his pension to Benton County, Alabama stating as to his reason for moving: “his children were all going to move from the State of Georgia to Alabama and he was not satisfied to remain alone in the State of Georgia.” On p 11 there is an affidavit given by George L Alexander identifying the veteran. His relationship, if any to the veteran is not stated.



[p 15: On May 24, 1855, in Panola County, Mississippi, Mrs. Rebecca Alexander filed for a widow's pension stating she is 81 year old, the widow of George Alexander, a US pensioner at the rate of \$40/annum, that she married George in Lawrence [sic, Laurens] District SC on February 4, 1810, by one Jonathan Downs, JP, that her maiden name was Rebecca Downs, that her husband George died in Panola County on August 7, 1845.

Rebecca Alexander

p 19: Jonathan Downs and Charles T. Alexander witnessed her application.

Jonathan Downs
Charles T. Alexander

[p56-57 is a detailed listing of indents paid to one George Alexander by the state of SC during the Revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina state troops. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to George Alexander AA3
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 66

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[Book] I 562 23 Dec. 1784

Mr. Geo. Alexander his Account of Militia Duty on different Tours in & between the Year 1779 and 1782 Amounting to

£237 [South Carolina] Currency
£33.17.1 Stg. [Sterling]

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Mr. George Alexander against the State of South Carolina

On diff. tours	To 92 Days Duty on Horseback per Capt. John Norwood's	
From 81 to	Pay Bill	£92
1782		

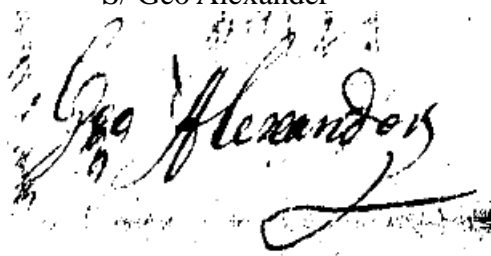
To 3 Charges of Duty [illegible] per Col.
Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return

To wit	£30
	70
	45

	<u>145</u>
Currency	£237
Stg.	£33.17.1

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

Rec'd 23 Decr. 1784 full Satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 562 Book I
S/ Geo Alexander

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo Alexander". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Alexander". There is some faint, illegible text above the signature, possibly a date or reference number.