

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alvin Mountjoy W8471

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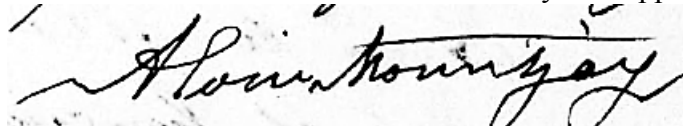
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Pendleton County June Term 1818

On this the 15th day of June 1818 before the County Court of Pendleton County personally appeared Alvin Mountjoy aged 71 years Resident in Pendleton County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That he the said Alvin Mountjoy entered into the Service of the United States as a Lieutenant in November in the year 1775 under the command of Captain William Washington of the 3rd Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Mercer (afterwards General Mercer) [Hugh Mercer] who was killed at the Battle of Prince-town [Princeton, January 3, 1777] of the Continental line and the Regiment was raised for two years and continued in the service in the said Regiment the whole time that the Regiment continued which was until the spring previous to the time of the Expiration of the enlistments when the most of the man reenlisted for during the war, and obtained furloughs to go home and when the Regiment became so reduced he went to General Washington and gave up his Commission which the General received with several others at the same time. After remaining in the Service between 19 and 20 months in which he was in the battles at Trenton [December 26, 1776] & Princeton and he well recollects that his Excellency the President Monroe who was at that time and Ensign in the same Company received a wound in his shoulder at the approach of the Enemy's Pickets at Trenton and that Captain Washington himself and the President Commanded the forlorn hope on that Occasion, and that he is in Reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support.



Sworn to subscribed and declared in Open Court this 15th of June 1818

S/ Robert Taylor

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State of Kentucky Alvin County: November Term 1819

On this the 15th day of November 1819 before me Presiding Justice of the County Court for the County aforesaid Personally appeared Alvin Mountjoy aged 72 years resident in Pendleton County Kentucky who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by an act of Congress

entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War –

That he the said Alvin Mountjoy was appointed a Lieutenant in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer and afterward by Colonel George Weeden [George Weedon] of the Continental line as early as November 1775 and that he continued in the service for about 2 years until the ranks of the Regiment had become sin from the Circumstance of the time for which the men were enlisted etc. expiring, and then he resigned his Commission by putting it in the hands of General Washington at camp at Middlebrook in New Jersey, and that he was in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777]. And he well recollects the night previous to the action at Trenton that he as Lieutenant under Captain William Washington was of the Vanguard of the Army and his Excellency the present Resident of the United States was of the same Corps and Captain Washington & Ensign Monroe were both wounded in his presence on the near approach to Trenton and he confidently trust that the Resident has not forgot him if it should be deemed necessary to refer to him for the fact of service, and that he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support. And that he made a previous Declaration similar to this as early as the 15th of June 1818 before the County Court of aforesaid County which he apprehends has not reached the Secretary of the Department of War.

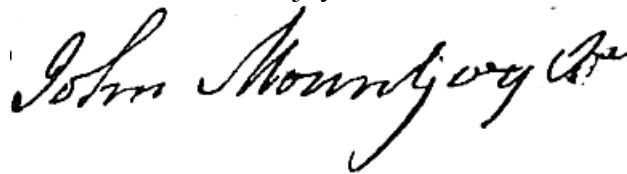
Sworn to produce it is declared before me the 15th day of November 1819

S/ Robert Taylor

Also on the same day appeared John Mountjoy¹ before me and being duly sworn states that he knows of his knowledge that the aforesaid Alvin Mountjoy did March as Lieutenant of the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Mercer and he continued in that Regiment till sometime before Christmas in the year 1778. Sworn and subscribed before me this November 15th 1819

S/ Robert Taylor

S/ John Mountjoy Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Mountjoy Sr". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Mountjoy Senior".

[fn p. 17: On January 11, 1837 in Pendleton County Kentucky, Mrs. Mary Mountjoy, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Alvin Mountjoy formerly of Stafford County Virginia and a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution for one year before he was stricken off the record for holding more property than was allowed under the 1818 act;; that she has torn from a journal a part of the record kept by her husband the "pressing events of that epoch [the revolution]; that she married him September 2, 1777 in Stafford County Virginia; that they were married by the Reverend Brook, a Minister of the Protestant Church; that her husband died November 3, 1827 in the town of Falmouth Pendleton County Kentucky; that in 1784 she and her family removed from Stafford County Virginia to the West; that she bore 8 children some of whom were born in Virginia and others in Kentucky; that they removed first to Bourbon County to near Falmouth Pendleton County; that her firstborn child was born in 1779 and died about 4 years of age; Her 2nd child was born November 6, 1781 and died where she now lives 9th of October 1826; the 3rd was born

¹ [John Mountjoy S36175](#)

December 18, 1783 and died in 1834; the 4th Mrs. Mary Best was born the 13th May 1787; the 5th Mrs. Sarah Frazier was born the 17th of March 1789; this 6th the 20th of January 1792 and died in 1793. This 7th on the 7th of December 1794 and died November 1834 and the 8th in 1797 and died the same year; that all of her children have departed this life and without issue excepting the above named 2 daughters Mrs. Mary Best and Sarah Frazier.



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[fn p. 9: family record:

n Mountjoy was born the 28th of January 1742
Mary Mountjoy was born the 13th of July 1760
and was married the 2 of September 1777
Thomas Mountjoy was born the 6th of November 1781
rn R. Mountjoy was born the 18th of December 1783
ary W. Mountjoy was born the 17th of May 1787
ah C. Mountjoy was born the 17th of March 1789
Alvin Mountjoy Junior was born the 20 of January 1792

[different handwriting]

Alvin Mountjoy Junior departed this life the 1 of July 1793
Edward Mountjoy Junior was born August 21 and departed this life the first of June
Alvin Mountjoy was born June the 7th of December 1794
Elizabeth Mountjoy he was born the 25 of April and departed this life 28th of August 179?
Sydney H Monroe was born December 29 1810

[fn p. 11: Mary W Best, 49, gave testimony in Pendleton County Kentucky on April 17, 1837 that the Bible record annexed is a part of her father's family Bible, the said Alvin Mountjoy Senior deceased; that the portion of the record above the parallel lines is in the handwriting of her father



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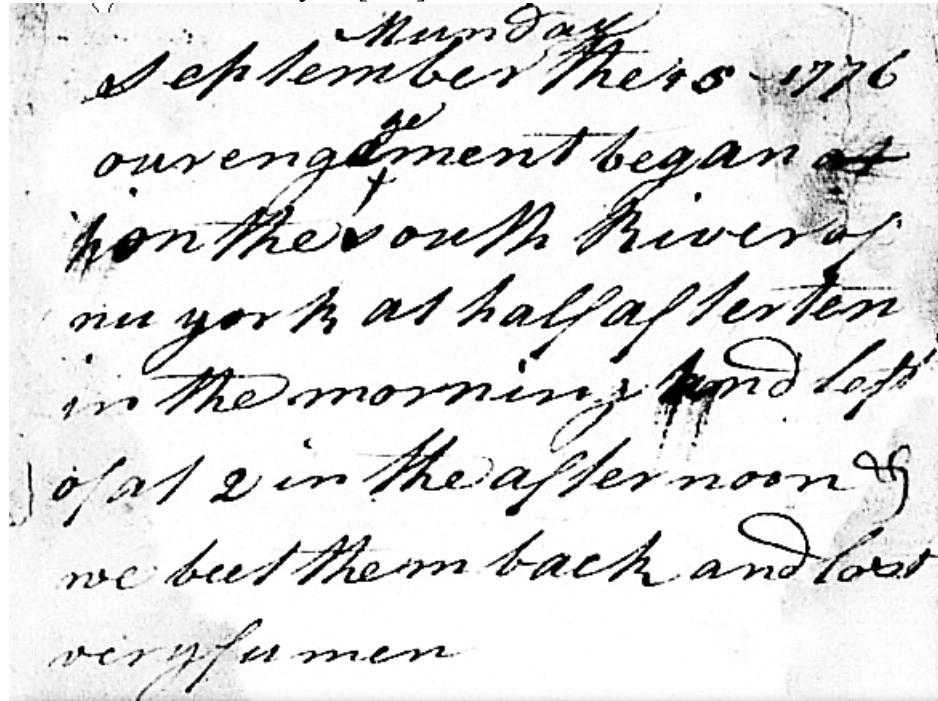
[fn p. 12: Sarah C. Frazer gave testimony on April 19, 1837 in Pendleton County Kentucky that she is 48 years old; that she is the daughter of Alvin Mountjoy Senior deceased; and she further authenticates the family record as being in part [the part above the parallel lines] in the handwriting of her father; that her father died in 1827; "that the burst their own recorded all of those of her parents and their children, excepting that of Sydney H Monroe, which is the name of the son of this Affiant by her first husband, Alexander Monroe deceased who died in 1814 and which son was the grandson of the said Alvin Mountjoy"; that she thinks some of the entries were made by her father's elder brother Captain Thomas L Mountjoy who died in 1826

Sarah C. Sizer

[fn p. 30: the "Journal" kept by the veteran and referred to in the widow's application:

"Monday

September the 16 1776² our engagement began at [illegible] the South River of nu york [New York] at half of after ten in the morning and left of [off] at 2 in the afternoon & we beet [beat] them back and lost very fu [few] men"



A photograph of a handwritten manuscript snippet. The text is written in cursive and matches the transcription provided in the previous block. The paper appears aged and slightly stained. The text reads: "Monday September the 16 1776 our engagement began at [illegible] the South River of nu york [New York] at half of after ten in the morning and left of [off] at 2 in the afternoon & we beet [beat] them back and lost very fu [few] men"

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"other side and that night we encampt [encamped] at wood Bridgtown –

Munday the 9 1776

we marcht [marched] very Early and got to Elizabeth town to Breckfast [breakfast] which is a fine town that same day we got to Nuark [Newark] and incampt that night and we marched very early the next morning But it is not much of a town—

Tuesday the 10 1776

we marcht very early ? morning and crost [crossed] pursage [?] 8 oclock and we Crost Lacentine [?] at 9 oclock and got to the ferry opisat [opposite] Nuyork [New York] at 1 o Clock whar [where] the English fleet lies and got over at 3 [? could be 5 or something else] in the afternoon

Wednesday the 11 1776 at 9 oclock we marcht out of [paper folded] york and got to [paper folded]

² This is the date of the Battle of Harlem Heights

other side and that night we en
camp at wood bridge town

Monday the 9 - 1776

we marcht very early and got to
Elizabeth town to Borch just wh
the same town that same day we
got to Newark and in camp that ni
ght we marcht very early the
next morning but it cost much
at town

Tuesday the 10 - 1776

we marcht very early by six
morning and went for way
at 9 o'clock and got to the ferry
at 1 o'clock at 9 o'clock when
the English fleet Liev and got
at 6 in the afternoon

Wednesday the 11 - 1776

at 9 o'clock we marcht out of
New York and got to

[fn p. 32 is a duplicate copy of p. 31]

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Camp at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and lay in the woods the night with but tents or Blank[paper
torn]

thursday the 12 1776

we incamp Close on the south river of nu york and about a mile from the North form and they
[indecipherable interlineation] keep a very heavy fireing [firing] all that day at helgate [Hell
Gate] little dammage [damage]

Friday the 13

they kept up their fireing & Saterdag [Saturday] is the same

Harlam Hites [Harlem Heights]

Munday the 16 our engagement came on at [?] aliven [eleven?] a'clock [o'clock] in the forenoon
and held while in the afternoon

the 20 of October at 1 a clock at night we attackt [attacked]

camp at 2 o'clock in the afternoon
and lay in the woods all night
with but sentries blank
Thursday the 12th 1776
we marched to the south
river of York and about a mile
from the North fork and the
the paucity heavy firing at 10 o'clock
Friday at Helgate
little damage
Friday the 13th
they fell back their firing
Saturday in the evening
the day after the 16th arrived
engagement came on at
1 o'clock in the afternoon
and held while
in the afternoon
The 20 of October at 12 o'clock
at night we attacked

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing June 15, 1818 for two-year service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$287.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband's service of 21 months and 17 days as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2-page file but the contents are illegible as posted.]

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Addendum to Alvin Mountjoy W8471

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Winchester Barracks Jan'y 2 1783

John Waller [S37503], at the request of Mr. Mountjoy is appointed a Recruiting Serg't & permitted to [undeciphered word] with him during the time Mr. Mountjoy continues in the recruiting service

P. Muhlenberg BG [Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Muhlenberg". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail on the "g".