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Pension Application of Samuel Alley W9694

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State of Indiana } Ss.

County of Franklin }

On this 12th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Probate Court of Franklin County, now sitting, Samuel Alley a resident of Brookville Township, in the County & State aforesaid, aged, seventy two 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 7th AD. 1832

That he was born in the year 1761 on the 25th of June in Henrico County Virginia

That he enlisted in May 1777 in Washington County Virginia in the company of Captain McClanahan and served under him and Captain Snody [John Snody, also spelled John Snoddy] till the first of October of the same year that he served during all this time in guarding Moore's fort [about a mile from Clinch River near Castlewood] and in ranging near it – the Cherokee, Shawnee, and Delaware Indians being feared by the fort that he was in no engagement during this period – that his service here amounted to four months – on the first of June 1779 he was drafted in the company of Capt Alexander Ritchie to guard the Rocky Station in Powells valey [Powell Valley between Woodway and Dryden] and served 'till the first of July – was in no engagement this term of service – the Indians once came to the fort to attack it and we sallied out and pursued them but they were not overtaken. That he removed from Virginia to Kenedy's Station in Kentucky in September 1782 – that in seven days after his arival he was notified to render service at Bryant's station [sic: Bryan's Station near present Lexington] – that he arrived at Bryants Sation about the 1st of October 1782 and there he was placed under the command of Col Benjamin Logan and Captain Adams – from Bryants station marched to the Ohio river at the mouth of Licking where we met Genl [George Rogers] Clark from Louisville with three hundred regulars – that we built a block house opposite the mouth of Licking, and Captain Adams was left to guard it – that this applicant was then placed under the command of Captain Wood and marched to the Shawnee towns now Piqua, Ohio. that the Indians at the Shawnee towns had mostly fled before our arival – from here we marched back to the Block House opposite Licking, and was discharged on the Kentucky Shore – that this expedition lasted five weeks – that he has no record of his age – that he lived in Virginia when called into service – moved into Kentucky in 1782 and lived for two or three years alternately in Virginia Kentucky and Tennessee after which time he settled in Russell County Va and lived there till 1810 when he moved to Franklin County Ia where he now lives – that all his service during the war was as a private soldier – that he received no discharge from service – that he knows in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and of his reputation as to his service in the revolution Enoch McCarty, Nathan Gallion, John Jones, Richard Tyner – that he has no documentary evidence of service, and knows of no one who can testify as to his service –

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State [signed] Samuel Alley
[Certified by John Alley and by Jonathan Alley, clergyman.]

Questions prescribed by the War Department

1 Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Henrico County Va in June 1761

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age

3 Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and

where do you now live? Ans. I lived in Washington County Va when called into service. I have lived since the revolution chiefly in Virginia, Kentucky & Indiana, and I now in Franklin County

4 How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute. and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I was drafted when I served in the militia

5 State the names of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services Ans. I recollect Col Benjamin Logan and General Clark. My services were altogether in expeditions against the Indians in guarding forts &c. I never was engaged with the British. That all his service amounted to six months – that he served four months at Moore’s fort Va, uner Captains McLanahan & Snody – one month under Capt Ritchie and five weeks under Col. Logan and Capt. Adams, in Kentucky –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a written discharge

7. Stat the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. Enoch McCarty, Nathan Gallion John Jones Richard Tyner

NOTE: On 9 July 1853 Mary Alley of Decatur County IN applied for a pension stating that as Mary Osborne she was married to Samuel Alley in Washington County by a Baptist minister named Frost in or about 1784, and her husband died in Shelby County IN on 12 Aug 1847. Later she corrected the year of marriage to 1786, stating that she was “dull of hearing” and had misheard the date when it was read to her. On a later application on 11 Jan 1855 her age was said to be 88, and she stated that her marriage may have occurred in the area that became Russell County. Later she added that her husband had died at Mr. Joel Smith’s. As evidence of the marriage she submitted a small book written by her husband, four pages of which are in the file and transcribed below.

(97) SECTION X.

I, Samuel Alley, the agent, was born June the 25th, in the year of our Lord 1761; and we have 11 children.

Jonathan Alley, his eldest son, was born April the 17th, in the year of our Lord 1787, and of his wife Catharine has 8 children, and 3 dead, and eleven grand children and one dead.

Doddridge Alley, his second son, was born November the 1st, in the year of our Lord 1788, and of his wife Jane, they have nine children living and three dead, and sixteen grand children, and five dead.

Cyrus Alley, his third son, was born April the 17th, in the year of our Lord 1791, and of his wife Charity they have ten children living and two dead, and have nine grand children, and three dead.

Thursey McCarty, his eldest daughter, was born March the 17th, in the year of our Lord 1703, and of her husband they have six children living, and seven grand children and two dead.

Joydey Gant, his second daughter, was born May the 2nd, in the year of our Lord 1795, and of her husband they have five children living and two dead, and 4 grand children.

Sampson Alley, his fourth son, was born August the 20th, in the year of our Lord 1797, and of his wife Creecy they have thirteen children, and one dead, and have three grand children.

Lanzel Fowler, his third daughter, was born July the 26th, in the year of our Lord 1800, and of her husband they have eight children living and two dead.

Elihu Alley, his fifth son, was born February the 28th, in the year of our Lord 1803, and of his wife Catharine they have five children living and one dead.

Azby C. Hobbs, his fourth daughter, was born February the 20th, in the year of our Lord 1806, and of her husband they have two children.

Samuel Alley, his sixth son, was born May the 1st, in the year of our Lord 1808, and of his wife

Nancy they have six children living.

Solomon Alley, his seventh son, was born October the 25th, in the year of our Lord 1810, and of his wife Catharine they have four children living and one dead.

The children of Samuel Alley the agent, are in number eleven, and they have children in number sixty eight living; besides fifteen dead; and they have forty-eight grand children living, besides eleven dead.

How merciful has God been to him in preserving his children and great grand children, and multiplying their number till this present date, February 17, 1844.

SECTION XI.

On the Origin of the Devil and Satan.

This is an old mystery that has been a wonder amongst the wise and learned, and the great matter of enquiry amongst all people, and I will try to give the public a short hint of my views on this subject.— Hear and understand!

We know there was no tempter or Satan before creation, but when God created man on the Earth, he made him a great being, like himself, and gave to the man the power of agency, then immediately there was set good and a possibility of evil one against the other, and man was on trial, and if the man had never done evil there would never have been a Devil; but the man was capable of doing evil, so likewise he was capable of being tempted, and now the tempter, called a serpent, a subtle beast, proposed a temp—