Pension Application of John Alvey W8320
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County of Union  |  

On this twentyeth ninth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before me George Johnson one of the Justices of the Union County Court Frances Alvey a resident of the state of Kentucky in the County of Union aged eighty one years on the eleventh day of August 1841 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 7th 1838 entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows” that she is the widow of John Alvey deceased who was a soldier in the United States army during the Revolutionary war in the regular service. She cannot say what time her said deceased husband entered the service as she had but a limited acquaintance with him before he enlisted in the army but she believes he left the army about the year 1779. her deceased husband was a resident of the State of Virginia when he enlisted in regular service. She believes that he was in the regular service four years that he enlisted twice for two years each time and served out both periods of enlistments. She cannot state under what officer he enlisted or for what officer or officers he served except Col T Marshall [Thomas Marshall] Commandant of the 3rd virginia regiment in the Continental line the certificate of said Marshall is hereunto attached and marked X that she has no other documentary evidence in support of her claim.

She further declareth that she was married to the said John Alvey on the blank day of February 1779 that her husband the aforesaid John Alvey died on the 12th day of June 1815 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. Frances herXmark Alvey

I hereby certify that John Alvy served as a Soldier in the 3rd. Virginia Regiment in continental Service from the time the said Regiment was formed early in the spring 1776 until I left the said Regiment on the 17th of Dec’r. 1777. at which time I left him in the Service of the same. His time of enlistment would expire early in the Spring 1778 he having enlisted for two years. And as his be-behavior during the time he served under my command was uniformly that of a good Soldier I have no doubt but he completed his term of enlistment and was regularly discharged. Given under my hand this 18th. of Nov’r. 1785. T. Marshall, then Colo. of ye 3 Virg’a. Regiment

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed 3 Dec 1778 in Prince William County VA by John Alvey and John Shute for the marriage of Alvey to Fanny Floyd. Henry H. Floyd and John Floyd deposed that they had personal knowledge that John and Frances Alvey were married. An inquiry on behalf of the heirs of Frances Alvey states that she died in Sep 1861 (day illegible).