

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Jesse Alsobrook S16600

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State of Alabama Greene County

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Anderson Crenshaw the Judge of the Circuit court of said County of Greene now sitting Jesse Alsobrook a resident of the County of Greene & State of Alabama aged between 70 and 71 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated (viz.) in 1780 or 1781 as well as he recollects he entered the militia of North Carolina under Captain Brantley of Halifax County in North Carolina & Isaac Harris was Lieutenant of said Company we marched to Salisbury & remained there a while & removed out a short distance to a branch that we then called New Providence where we remained stationed for the balance of our tour he states that he was in no engagement that he recollects during the time he was in the service as a militia man he states that he entered with Drafted militia though he was a volunteer he recollects but few of the officers either of the line or militia or volunteers, he recollects that his Captain resigned & went home before the Term expired & his Lieutenant took command the Ensign's name was Pope, as he believes, this tour was for three months his Regiment or Brigade was as well as he recollects commanded by Jones called General Allen Jones & he thinks one Colonel Hart from Edgecombe County & the militia Joined the soldiers commanded by one Sewell called as well as he recollects Colonel Sewell & It seems to him now that General Butler was with them some part of the time Butler he recollects was a plain, old man & wore a hunting shirt – sometime after he was discharged he enlisted as a regular soldier he does not recollect whether in the state or United States Troops as well as he now recollects on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1782 for one year and entered the service as a regular under Captain Robert Rayford we generally called him Bob Rayford he was a brave & good Captain though he was addicted to drank and his Lieutenant was by the name of Dudley his Ensign he does not now recollect. He thinks he resigned & left the company for some reason, he was a small man a Col. Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon?] commanded, & Major Armstrong commanded the Regiment to which he belonged as well as he now recollects there were two of the Armstrongs in the Army that he knew and one of them was called Col.. He recollects there were two regiments of regulars from North Carolina each enlisted about the same time & called 12 months regulars the two worked together for that time & he cannot so well detail the officers who commanded at each separate Regiment so well as he can tell who were in the command in the two – he served in the first Regiment from North Carolina commanded as he thinks by the above regimental officers General Sumner commanded both of these regiments. Among the officers of his acquaintance from North Carolina in the above forces was a Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle?], Major Dunahoe [sic, Donoho?] Captains Sharp, Dickson & Litle [sic, Little or Lytle?] in addition to those above named – Curtis Ivey was adjutant of the first & Captain William Bush was adjutant of the second Regiment. We met in small companies at the high hills of Santee & Joined General Greene & were there regulated into Companies Battalions & regiments – before we got to the high hills of Santee we had a little skirmish with Tarleton & Wallace across the River Roanoke at Halifax but the only principle Engagement of much note that he recollects to have been in was at the Eutaw Springs there, two miles before we reached the place of the General engagement we had a little flight between the horse on each side Just before the commencement Captain Raiford & twenty four men of whom this applicant was one was ordered by one Colonel Armstrong to advance ahead with two field pieces & the officers belonging to the Artillery & when we had advanced some distance in a run we discovered an advance party of the British foot on our left in ambush just ready to fire & at that moment Captain Rayford commanded us to squat and as

we were in the act of doing so the British fired & killed John McCoy & John Russell two of my messmates at this moment we raised & fired and then our horse commanded by Marion & Pickens came in to our relief & cut that party of the British off, the General engagement then soon commenced & lasted for some time when the British took Colonel Washington. General Greene told Colonel Washington that day to keep out of the fight & save his men for a reserve as he this applicant was then told but long before the Battle ended Colonel Washington & his horse Broke two or three times through the British lines & Back but at last he was ~~wounded~~ & the British rushed him into a big Brick house that they retreated to. In this engagement the Lieutenant of my company was ~~Kill~~ wounded this applicant & two others carried him off the field his leg was broken by a Grape shot & he this applicant knows not whether he ever recovered. He recollects that there were many officers in the Army of the United States some from Virginia, North & South Carolina & many other places – he recollects that Generals Greene, Marion, Pickens & he thinks Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] then there were Colonels Campbell, Williams & a Frenchman called Colonel De Malmady [sic, Malmedy] or De Malmeday & there was a Colonel Lee who commanded a Troop of horsemen & Colonel Washington who commanded as above mentioned a troop of horse – Major Egleston [sic, Joseph Eggleston] & he thinks there was a Colonel Henderson there though he is not very certain Captain Sharp of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment had on that day twenty nine of his men killed, of Captain Rayford's Company there were but about five or six killed two of which is named above, from this engagement we were marched back to the high hills of Santee where we stayed for the most of the winter & in April of the year that Peace was made he was discharged as well as he recollects on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April from thence he returned to his home in Halifax North Carolina where he was born & raised & where he resided until 18 or 20 years after the revolutionary war when he moved to Richmond County in North Carolina & settled on the East side of Pee Dee River & resided there for about eight years then removed to Anson County on the West side of Pee Dee where he resided for six or seven years & from thence in the year 1820 he removed to Greene County Alabama & settled within 3 miles of Erie & In the immediate neighborhood of Erie he has resided ever since – he states that he does not know what has become of his discharge he did not suppose it would be of any use to him & took no Care of it he does not know by whom his discharge was written & signed but recollects of his Captain giving him some writing & he supposes it was a discharge. At the time he enlisted an officer entered his name & description on some book or roll & our height was Taken under the standard & written down he supposed it was for the purpose of describing us in case of Desertion – he states that he does not know any one living who served with him though he knows one Charles P. Coleman who he believes was in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs from various relations made by said Coleman to him But he does not recollect any one by whom he can prove his service in the war -- & in answer to further questions propounded by the court he states that he has a register or record of his age & that he was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1762 that his father kept a record in his family Bible & at his death the family Bible was purchased by this applicant's sister and that he took his age from that Bible & recorded it in his own. He states that he can prove by James Derden, Obadiah Meador, Charles P. Coleman, James Yeates & Isaac C. Snedecor & he thinks everyone in his neighborhood & in this Town would testify favorably of his character for veracity & give it as their belief that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary war. He hereby 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 the day & date aforesaid and Open Court.

S/ Jesse Alsobrook

Attest: S/ James Yeates, Clerk