

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Alexander S6487

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 28th day of November 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Holden for the County of Mecklenburg on the 4th Monday of November aforesaid which Court is now sitting Isaac Alexander a resident of said County and State aged Seventy Six years the 7th of June last who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, that he was born in the year 1756 in the County of Mecklenburg & State aforesaid and that he has a record of his age at home in his possession and that he has always lived in the neighborhood where he was born. That he first entered the service of the United States in [the] Militia of North Carolina in the year 1775 in Captain Thomas Shelby's Company Colonel Thomas Polk's Regiment of Militia. That he served six weeks tour in what is called the Snow Campaign in South Carolina against the Tories. That the next Tour he served as a volunteer in Captain Charles Polk's company, Colonel Adam Alexander's Regiment in General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade of Militia in the year 1776 for a Tour of five months. He again volunteered his service in the year 1780 ten months in the States Troops of South Carolina under Captain Thomas Shelby and Colonel William Polk's Regiment under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & that during the time of service on this Tour he Acted as Orderly Sergeant in said company and that he was in the engagement at Biggin Church [July 17, 1781] or Monks [sic, Monck's] Corner and at Shubrick's [July 17, 1781], and that he was regularly discharged after having served ten months from this service at the high hills of the Santee River (or Sumpterville). That he performed various other duties in keeping down the Tories and was out on frequent parties for short periods while the British lay in Charlotte and at the time they passed through this Country on their Route to Virginia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and [declares] that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, that he has no documentary evidence of his Services as stated in the preceding declaration, he refers to the certificate hereafter set forth as to his character for truth in his neighborhood, and as to his Services as aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day & year above written.

Sworn to in open court

S/ Isaac Alexander



[certificate of character and service given by Rev'd Robert H. Morrison and William Hutchinson, both residents of Mecklenburg County, NC]

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this 30th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions holden for the County aforesaid on the 4th Monday of May A.D. 1833 which court is now sitting Isaac Alexander a resident of said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, that he as stated in his original Declaration hereunto appended he was born in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid and always resided in said County and was a resident of said County at the commencement of the revolution, during the revolution and since the revolution and was so at the time he was called into service of the United States as stated in his original declaration, that he never was drafted nor served as a substitute a said [sic] was but always was a volunteer, declarant further states that having drawn the original declaration himself he omitted to state that he had evidence of his services – but he now begs leave in this his amended declaration to state that he can prove his services by abundant testimony [of witnesses] now living but at this time is only able to obtain the evidence of Captain William Hutchinson who was with him in all his campaigns stated of aforesaid in his original declaration; he could prove the same by Colonel William Polk of Raleigh – by Captain William Alexander of this County but who is so feeble and old that he thought it would be extremely hard to called the old man from home more especially as he could prove the fact by another who lives within a short distance of the Court House, as to the proof of his services he refers to the certificate of William Hutchinson herein set forth – that he was regularly discharged in every campaign stated in his original declaration, he was verbally discharged by his Captains Shelby and Polk – by Shelby when he returned from the Snow Campaign and by his Captain Charles Polk by order of Colonel Adam Alexander when he returned from the Cherokee expedition and was also verbally discharged by General Sumter at the High Hills of Santee from and after the expiration of the ten months service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ Isaac Alexander, X his mark

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I, William Hutchinson,¹ do hereby certify that I was a private in Captain Jack's company in the expedition against the Cherokees referred to and mentioned in Isaac Alexander's declaration hereunto annexed in which I acted as a spy – or advanced guard or pioneer – and that in that expedition the said Alexander as stated in his amended and original declaration served in the manner as he there declares – I also was with the troops in the Snow Campaign and know that he served there as he stated – I was a Captain in the ten month service under Colonel William Polk in Sumter's Brigade in which, Shelby was also a Captain under Polk – and I know that Isaac Alexander aforesaid acted as he states and was an orderly Sergeant in the company of Shelby and that he performed the services required of him. This I know from having always been well acquainted with him and having served in the same expeditions with him.

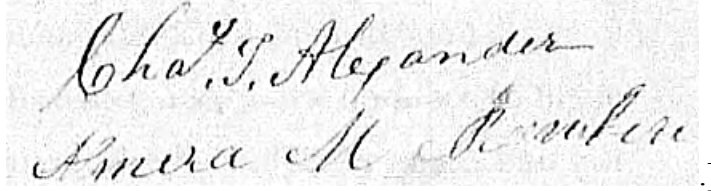
Sworn to in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Hutchison

¹ [William Hutchison \(Hutchinson\) W10133](#)

Sumter's Brigade

[p 16: on October 27, 1852 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Charles T Alexander and Almira M. Rankin file testimony that they are the children of Isaac Alexander, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$71.33 per annum



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No. 585

M Issued the first of October 1784 to Mr. Isaac Alexander late Sergeant &c in Polk's Regiment, Sumter's Brigade State Troops for one hundred five pounds fifteen shillings Sterling amount of pay and bounty due him for services in that Troop with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof agreeable to resolution of the General Assembly of Eleventh of March last.

Principal	£117.10.0
Interest	0

£108.3.4

Comptroller General's Office

Columbia March 5th 1856

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from Indent Book M No. 585

Given under my hand

W. M. R. Huntt
Deputy C. G.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$71.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 16 months & 12 days in the North Carolina service.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Isaac Alexander
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 66A

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To the Commissioners

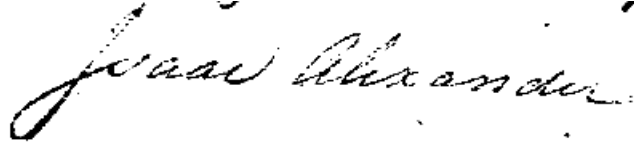
Generals Sumter [Thomas Sumter], Henderson [William Henderson & Colonel R. Richardson [Richard Richardson]

Gentlemen you will please to deliver to Doctor Nath. Alexander the Indents for my Services and Cloathing for my ten months services in General Sumter's's Brigade of State Troops (as purveyor for ye Hospital) and this shall be your Voucher for the same.

Given under my Hand this 2nd day of October 1787.

² 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.

S/ Isaac Alexander

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Alexander". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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To the Honorable the Senators of South Carolina The petition of Isaac Alexander Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner Served ten Months in the State Brigade under General Sumter, Colonel Polk's Regiment as a Sergeant for which he did obtain an Indent for a Claim on the said State for one hundred and eight pounds three shillings Sterling issued October the 1st 1784 as will appear in Book M. No. 585 in the hands of the Commissioners. That your Petitioner since which Viz. in the month of November 1788 was riding in the woods in Company with his Brother when & where he lost his pocketbook with the aforesaid Indent & Sundry other Valuable papers therein Contained. That some time in the year 1780 his said Brother found a part of the Pocketbook & papers but the papers by being exposed to rain have become altogether unintelligible (as can be shown by examining the same now in Your petitioner's possession). Your Petitioner therefore fully satisfied that the aforesaid indent has been destroyed in manner herein set forth, prays your Honorable Body to take his case under Consideration & Grant him to him a new Indent of equal tenor & date or otherwise so provide for him that he may receive competent relief for his loss & he as in Duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Isaac Alexander

[p 22: Form of Indent No. 140, Book A dated October 6, 1797 in the amount of £108.3.4 issued to Isaac Alexander in lieu of a lost Indent M No. 585.]