

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Alexander W20583

Martha Alexander

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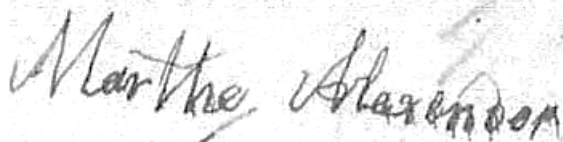
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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County

This day personally appeared before me Thomas S. Rankin, an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County Martha Alexander, an applicant for the benefit of pensioners made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1843 and being duly sworn made oath to the following declaration (Viz.) that she is now in her ninetieth year of her age, that she is the widow of Stephen Alexander who was an officer in the Army of the revolution – That he served a five months tour as Lieutenant in the State of South Carolina as set forth in William Carrigan's affidavit and that shortly thereafter he received a Captain's commission which he held until the close of the war & was often out on duty – but that she is not able now to state the particulars – That she & Stephen Alexander were married on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1771 and that he died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1831 aged 82 years – and that she has not since been married – Sworn to and subscribed the first day of September 1843.

S/ John S. Rankin, JP

S/ Martha Alexander, {Seal}



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State of North Carolina, Cabarrus County

This day personally appeared William Carrigan<sup>1</sup> of the State & County aforesaid (aged 83 years) before me Nath'l Sims one of the Justices of peace in and for said County, being duly Sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration to the case of Martha Alexander an applicant for a benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That Martha Alexander is the widow of Stephen Alexander Dec'd And that said Stephen Alexander was a Lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution General Griffin Rutherford's Brigade [sic, Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment and Captain William Houston's Company. He further swears he was well acquainted with the said Stephen Alexander and that he served in a five months campaign with Alexander in the State of South Carolina in the fall and winter of 1779 & 80 in which campaign the said Stephen Alexander Served as a Lieutenant. He further Swears that he has reason to believe and doth believe that the said Stephen Alexander and Martha was married in the year 1771 or 72, and he further knows that she has not since married. He also states that he believes the said Alexander rendered further Service in the Revolution but cannot specify times and places.

Sworn & subscribed August my teen 1843.

S/ William Carrigan



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<sup>1</sup> [William Carrigan S8177](#)

S/ Nath'l Sims, JP

[Note: Vet. Born June 16, 1749; died June 26, 1831 in Cabarrus County, NC; married September 18 or 19, 1771 Martha Wilson, born March 30, 1754.]

Children: Joseph b. 5/26/1772  
Prudence, b. 2/7/1775  
Sarah, b. 8 26, 1777, married 3/18/1802, George Allen, b. 3/7/1768  
Clarissa, b. 12/29/1779  
Margaret, b. 9/25/1782  
Mary, b. 2/8/1785, died 7/1853, married Benjamin Alexander  
Ewel W., b. 2/15/1788  
Eunice, b. 10/23/1790  
Martha, b. 7/23/1793  
Stephen, b. 1/24, 1796]

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FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.	DEATHS.
Stephen Alexander was born June 16 <sup>th</sup> 1749	Stephen Alexander died the 26 <sup>th</sup> of June 1831 aged 82 years
Martha Alexander was born March 30 <sup>th</sup> 1754	Martha Alexander died the 12 <sup>th</sup> of Sept. aged 87 years - Months 5 12 day 1843
Joseph Alexander was born May 26 1772	
Prudence Alexander was born Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> 1775	
Sarah Alexander was born August 26 <sup>th</sup> 1777	
Clarissa Alexander was born Decm 29 <sup>th</sup> 1779	
Margaret Alexander was born Sep 25 1782	
Mary Alexander was born febu 8 1785	
Ewel Alexander was born Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> 1788	
Eunice Alexander was born Oct 23 1790	
Martha Alexander born July 23 1793	
Stephen Alexander born Jan 24 1796	

A. J. [unclear]  
John Eagle J.P.

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County

We the undersigned heirs and only surviving Children of Martha Alexander widow & relic of Captain Stephen Alexander have learned that Charles W Harris is claiming his right as executor of Martha Alexander to control the application of the undersigned for the pension of Captain Stephen Alexander.

We do most earnestly protest against Charles W Harris having anything to do with the Claim for the reason that we have no confidence in his integrity from the manner that he has managed our mother's estate.

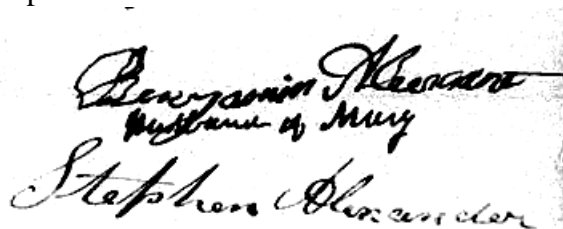
We have employed William F Davidson of Charlotte North Carolina to attend to our claim and we wish him to have the whole management of it.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 29 day of July 1853

S/ Benjamin Alexander

Husband of Mary

S/ Stephen Alexander



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Benjamin Alexander" with "Husband of Mary" written below it. The bottom signature reads "Stephen Alexander". Both signatures are written on a document with a vertical line to the right, possibly a margin or a binding edge.

[Note: page 68 in this file is an accounting by the NC Comptroller, William J. Clarke, dated 8/10/1853, listing disbursements made by the State of NC to Stephen Alexander, some of which disbursements were made to him as a Captain in the Militia.]

[Note: this file contains 129 pages of material, most filed by the children of Stephen and Martha.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$159.98 per annum commencing June 26, 1831 and ending September 12, 1843 for her husband's services as a Lieutenant and Captain in the North Carolina service: 6 months as a Lieutenant and 4 months as a Captain.]