

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Alverson W8326

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South Carolina

The Declaration of James Alverson made in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818.

The Declarer being duly sworn deposeth that in the month of September in the year 1777 he enlisted as a common soldier in the army of the Revolution in the service of the United States during the War in the 3^d Virginia Continental Regiment Col. William Heath [sic: William Heth] – Capt Val. Paton [sic: Valentine Peyton] and that he faithfully served the period of his enlistment. That he first joined the army near the Valley forge, was in the Battles at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]. was taken prisoner shortly after the Battle at Germantown and remained a prisoner in Philadelphia about seven months and was left there by the enemy in consequence of indisposition [when the British evacuated Philadelphia on 18 Jun 1778]. & after his recovery he joined the American Army at Trenton, the Virginia line being much broken they were formed into three Battalions to the Second of which deponant belonged and marched under the Command of Col Neville [sic: John Nevill BLWt1595-500] to S. Carolina and was taken prisoner at the Surrender of Charleston [12 May 1780] and made his escape the June following and never after joined his Battalion which was wholly prisoners or dispersed.

The Declarer further saith that he is native of the United States and has always resided therein and now resides in Union District in the State aforesaid, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support

James hisXmark Alverson

State of South Carolina

Chester District

Personally appeared Elijah Alverson [probably pension application W10365] of s'd. District before me Wm. P. Gaston one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace of s'd. District & being duly sworn on his oath saith, that although he was but young, he remembers perfectly well the time when his Brother James Alverson enlisted in the revolutionary war, (who has applied to the War department of the United States for a pension, in consequence of the Act of Congress of March 1818 making provisions for Indigent Soldiers of the Revolutionary War) that he enlisted, he thinks in the year 1777 in the taking of fodder time, it was on the road about or nearly two miles from Colchester town, on Occoquan [sic: Occoquan] River, Fairfax County, State of Virginia, that he saw him enlist & receive part of the bounty money, & that he was absent from home several years & understood he had been taken prisoner in Charleston South Carolina when captured by the British that he must have served in the army including the time in prison about the space of three years. Sworn to & subscribed November 3rd 1819

Elijah hisXmark Alverson

South Carolina }

Chester District }

Personally came Elijah Alverson and being duly sworn as the Law directs and deposeth and saith that he saw James Alverson enlist in the regular service of the United States 3rd Virginia continental regiment and saw the said James Alverson receive a part or all of the money of the bounty the deponant further says he enlisted in the year 1777 and this deponant further says that he went with James Alverson [illegible word] the regular service as aforesaid to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in virginia.

Sworn to this 4 April 1820

Elijah hisXmark Alverson

South Carolina }
 Chester District } In the Court of Common Pleas Spring Term 1821

On this 4th day of April 1821 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said District James Alverson aged sixty years resident in South Carolina in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows That he enlisted in the month of September 1777 For the term of during the War as a common soldier in the army of the Revolution in the service of the Un[ited] States in the 3^d Virginia Continental Regiment under Col William Heath in the company commanded by Capt Wall Patton and that he faithfully served during the period of his enlistment that he first joined the Army near the Valley Forge That he was in Battles at Germantown Monmouth and Stoney Point he was taken prisoner shortly after the Battle of Germantown and remained prisoner in Philadelphia about seven months and was left there by the enemy in consequence of Indisposition and upon his recovery he joined the American Army at Trenton the Virginia line being much broken they were formed into three Battalions to the Second of which deponent belonged and marched under the command of Col Neville to South Carolina and was taken prisoner at the surrender of Charleston in 1780 and made his escape the June following and never after joined his Battalion which was wholly prisoners or dispersed

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule

one Hundred Acres of land chiefly cut down and partly } worn out at \$2 pr acre for which he owes \$97}	\$ 103.
one Bay mare 12 years old	35.
one Grey Horse 6 years old	45.
Two Cows and Calves	20.
Two Head of young Cattle	8.
Two Sows five pigs & three shoats	9.
one Cupboard and furniture	5.
one lot of pewter spoons &c	2.
Knives & Forks	— .25
Six old chairs & one churn	2.
one Pine Table	1.
One old trunk & old Flax wheel	2.
one Bedstead	1.
Two old Vessels	.62½
Pots ovens &c	5.
Axes hoes one shovel &c	4.
Two pair of Plowing Geers	2.
one very old loom	2.
one lot of old tools	1.50
	<u>\$248.37½</u>
I also owe for the above hogs by note of hand	<u>21.25</u>
Total Value of my Estate	\$227.12½

I am a Farmer and am not well able to pursue it on account of old age and infirmity the number of my Family is myself my wife Sabisa aged sixty two years and a bound boy named Tilman Whitehead aged fourteen years able to support ourselves [himself?] I have also a Daughter named Nancy aged 25 years

who is afflicted with the Rheumatic pains so that she has not been able to feed herself for nearly seventeen years and have her to support and we are not all well able to support ourselves

James hisXmark Alverson

South Carolina }
Chester District }

On the 24th day of October 1826 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said District James Alverson aged Sixty seven years resident in said District, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in Order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820. That he the said James enlisted to serve during the War on the 4th day of September in the year 1777, in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by David Earl, in the 3^d. Virginia regiment commanded by Col. Wm. Heath, That he continued to serve in said Corps, until 1780 at the time when Charleston was taken, That at taking of Charleston, he was in the regiment commanded by Col. Neville, That he was made a prisoner by the British at the taking of Charleston, That on the 12th June after the taking of Charleston he deserted from the British and went home and was discharged from said Service by Captain John Blacksville. That while he was in Charleston, he was under Captain Wall Payton who was killed in Charleston, That he was at the Battle of Germantown and taken as a p[risoner and kept as a prisoner for five or six months in Philadelphia and left there by the British, sick, at the time they vacuated the Town. That he went from Philadelphia to Monmouth, from thence to Trenton, he was afterwards marched to Charleston under Col. Nevill in the 2^d Battalion, and was at the Siege of Charleston, That he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said Service except the affidavits of John [John Alverson, pension application S39148] & Elisha Alverson which are in the Secretary's at Wars Office, as he made application in 1822 or 1823, to obtain the provision made by the said acts of Congress, which application was rejected on account of his Schedule of property exceeding what was deemed sufficient to support him without the assistance of his Country.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear... [oath identical to that in the 1821 application]

A Schedule of the personal estate of James Alverson

One horse	\$30	One bed & furniture	\$15
One blind mare	20	farming utensils	10
2 Cows & 1 yearling	25	Kitchen furniture	6
2 sows & 3 shotes	10	Added	<u>90</u>
Cupboard & furniture	<u>5</u>		\$121
	90	Richard Cowsert	James Worthy

He also states that he had in his possession on the 18th March 1818, a tract of Land (as exhibit A will shew) which has since been sold to Thos. Alverson, to procure money to pay his debts, as he owed the sum of Ninety Dollars for the same Land and had no other way to pay it. That he is by Occupation a farmer, that he is unable to pursue it to any Advantage being old. That his family residing with him are his wife aged seventy years and a Daughter Nancy Alverson, aged about Twenty eight years, who has been unable to walk or even comb her own head or to get out of bed without the assistance of two persons to help her for the last thirteen years from Reumatic pains, so that neither his wife nor daughter are able to contribute to their support but in a very small degree. That some time since Thomas Alverson, Deceased, and the aforesaid tract of Land has been sold by the Sheriff of Chester District and the money appropriated as follows. (viz) To the discharge of Demands against him

James hisXmark Alverson

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

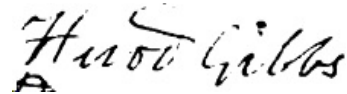
State of So Carolina }
Chester District }
Personally Came James Alverson of the State & District aforesaid and after Being sworn According to Law Sayeth On his Oath that he did Inlist in the Contineltal Army in the Late ware with Great Brittan for three years or During the War. And further

sayith that he did Inlist to the best of his knowlede On the 4th day of Sept In the year 1777 And did Continue In the Continelal Army Untill the End of the ware Sworn to before Me this 25th day of Sep'r 1810

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Alverson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block.

I do Hearby Certify that I Knew James Alverson as a Soldier in the last war I Know that he Seved during the War in the Third Virginia Redgment on the Continatlal Establishment Given Under my hand & seal.

February 2^d 1812 Herod Gibbs [W17947]
Lt 15th V Regt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herod Gibbs". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the certifier's name and rank.

NOTE: On 19 Dec 1845 William Alverson, a son and heir of Sibitha Alverson, applied for a pension, stating that she married James Alverson in 1780 or 1781, that his father died 27 May 1834, and that his mother died on 17 Sep 1843 leaving the following heirs: William Alverson, Moses Alverson, John Alverson, Elinder Alverson, Nancy Alverson, and Polly Alverson who married James Roach. On 27 Apr 1846 the last-named Mary Roach of York District SC, age 48, deposed that her parents were married in Fairfax County in 1781, that James Alverson died on 22 May 1834, and that children who survived Sabitha Alverson were William, Nancy, Elinder, and herself.