

Pension Application for Thomas Alexander

Number of pension cut off.

State of Connecticut

County of Hartford.

On this 20th day of March 1835 before me the subscriber a Notary Public in & for said County, personally appeared Thomas Alexander of Eastwo[blot]dsor in said County of Hartford, aged seventy five years, a revolutionary pensioner of the United States on the roll of the Connecticut Agency under the Act of 18th March 1818 as per certificate herewith forwarded dated 12th Sept 1819 may appear, and made solemn oath. That in the year 1775 he enlisted as a private soldier into a company of State troops commanded by Captain ----Pond in Colonel Reeds regiment and served for a period of eight months.

That in 177[6?] he again enlisted into Daniel Moultons company of Artillery in Colonel John Cranes regiment in general Knox's brigade and served therein as a matross for one year.

That at the expiration of this service he again enlisted as a matross into Captain Thomas Seward's Company into Colonel John cranes regiment & served therein for the term of three years.

That at the expiration of the last period of service he enlisted at West Point for the term "during the war", into the same company & the same regiment & served until the close of the revolutionary war.

That during the term of enlistment and service Captain Seward's company he served in the Laboratory in preparing cartridges &c. for the army and was appointed by Colonel Crane Conductor of the Laboratory & served in that capacity for four or five years and was paid at the rate of sixteen collars per month in the (best) Continental money.

That when he was conductor of the Laboratory he was stationed at Fishkill and afterwards at West Point. His company was at West Point, but the deponent was employed at or near Fishkill nearly the whole period.

The deponent believing that he is entitled to more than he now receives as a pensioner under the Act of 1818, requests that his name may be transferred to the roll under the act of 7 June 1832 with the increased rate of pension to which he considers him self entitled by the provisions of the last mentioned act. (Signed with his mark)
Thomas Alexander

Sworn to & subscribed this 20th day of march 1835 before me. Samuel H. Parsons, Notary Public.

Letter in folder dated November 4, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to yoru letter in which you request the record of Captain Thomas Alexander of Massachusetts, who was born in 1727, married November 11, 1754, Azubah Wright and died in 1801.

There is no claim for pension on file based upon the service in the Revolutionary War of Captain Thomas Alexander.

In a volume, however, designated "American State Papers", Documents, Legislative and Executive of the Congress of the United States, various sessions, commencing March 4, 1789 and ending March 3, 1823, printed in 1834; the name Thomas Alexander is found on a list of invalid pensioners which were returned by the Circuit Court of the District of Massachusetts, submitted to the House of representatives by the Secretary of War, and pp. 58, 109, and 151, of that volume, record the following:

Page 58—"Thomas Alexander, Captain, Colonel Voss's Regiment—Had one of his hips dislocated and his thigh bone broken while in service in 1777—annual pension commenced May 19, 1792."

Page 109—"Thomas Alexander, Captain, Colonel Voss's Regiment—Had one of his hips dislocated and his thigh bone broken in 1777, monthly allowance, \$7.50."

Page 150—"Thomas Alexander, Captain-dislocated his right hip by a fall while engaged in the service of the United States—disabled January, 1777, between Peekskill and King's ferry-residence Northfield-that claimant received half-pay as captain from the State of Massachusetts, from January 1, 1778 to February 11, 1783, on which day his pension was discontinued by a resolve of the commonwealth. By a resolve of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is declared to be the opinion of that court that Thomas Alexander ought again to be placed upon the pension list, as it appeared to them that, on principles of that equity which had been extended to invalids, he ought never to have been struck off."

This office has no further information in regard to that officer.