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Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under
the act of the 18th March 1818

State of New York
Orlean County

On the 22^d day of February 1826 personally appeared in open court at being the court of common pleas in and for the county of Orleans Benedict Alford resident in said County aged Sixty nine Years (69) Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose 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 Benedict Alford enlisted early in the spring of the year 1776 in the Company Commanded by Capt. Amos Tappan in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Samuel Tappan in the line of the State of Vermont in the revolutionary Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until sometime in the month of December 1776 When he was discharged from the service in Sudbury in the State of Vermont

In the Year 1777 he enlisted again in the company commanded by Captain Jasper Sawyer in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Samuel Hixson in Bennington in the State of Vermont and continued to serve in said Corps until December 1777 when he was again discharged in Pawlett in the State of Vermont

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name never has been placed on the pension list and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property because he had always been informed that he could not obtain a pension until he produced his original discharges which he was unable to do on account of them being burnt up when his house was burnt on the 8th of March 1801

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 1st 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 to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 1st day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person on 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

An Inventory of the Estate of Bourdett Alfred of the town of Ridgeway aged 69 Years. Family consisted of a Wife 67 years of age and now very deaf so much so that she cannot hear when spoken to. One daughter with two small children without a father and one Mother's grand child. His occupation is a farmer

Real Estate now			
One Cow worth		1	00
four Cows or pigs	Worth	8	00
one five pair Kettle	"	2	00
one Iron pot	"	1	00
One two quart Kettle	"	"	05
one Tea Kettle	"	1	00
Two Knives & Forks	"		50
five old Iron Spoons	"		25
four old Chairs	"	1	00
One Chest	"		75
Two Small earthen bowls	"		25
twentytwo earthen plates Great & Small	"	1	00
One cup & saucer			25
One			00

Territory of Michigan

County of Monroe

George Alford of

The Township of Monroe, County & Territory
aforesaid, of lawful age being duly cautioned
& sworn according to law, deposes & saith
that in the years 1795 & 1797 his Brother
Benedict Alford now of Ridgway, Town, County
of Orleans, & State of New York, was, a private
soldier in the war of the Revolution at least
six months in each of the aforesaid years —

that he served in a company of Rangers
commanded by Capt Jonathan Fasset, whose residence
was in the Town of Pittsford in Vermont, with whom
this deponent was well acquainted, that subsequently
he served in Capt Sanger's Company belonging
to Col Samuel Herricks requirement of rangers —
and this deponent further says that during
the year 1798 the said Benedict was in the

service about six months or about that time
that when not serving as a soldier in the army
the aforesaid Benedict resided within two miles
of Rutland Fort near the Western boundary
line of the State of Vermont — that during his
residence there he was much harassed and
troubled by the Indians and further this
Deponent saith not — George Alford

Sworn to & subscribed before
me the undersigned one of
the Judges of the Michigan
Territory on the Supreme Court
Hall at Monroe in the said
Territory of Michigan this
twentieth day of Sep^r A.D. 1829

Wm Woodbridge

State of New York, On this 22^d day of January, 1833, personally
Caleb County 33. appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judges of
of the Court of Common Pleas for said County, now sitting,
Benedict Alfred, a Resident of the Town of Bridgeport in said County of
Columbia, aged seventy five years, who being first 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, 1832. That according to the best of his belief he
was born in Windsor, in the State of Connecticut in the year 1757, that if any
record of his age exists, it is at St Albans in the State of Vermont. That
about the first of February, 1776, he enlisted at Windsor under Capt. J. Prior,
to serve for six months, but does not remember of what line nor corps nor who was
the Field Officer - after remaining two months in said Company at Windsor
he procured a Substitute, viz. Michael Barber, who was accepted and (as this De-
ponent believes) served during the remainder of the term. This Depo-
nent then removed to Rutland, in Vermont, and in June next following enlisted into a
Company of Volunteers under Capt. Jonathan Tappet of Pittsford, Vermont to serve
during the Campaign. There were two other Companies in this Battalion, com-
manded by Capt. Matthew Lyon, and John Tappet the whole said to belong to a
Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Safford. He served in said Detachment
six months in the State of Vermont and New York, under Gen. Gates until dis-
charged in December - was at Red Bank when our fleet was destroyed; was
in some skirmishes, but in no important engagements. In 1777, he was
two months from the 1st of April in Capt. Simon Wright's Company in
Col. James Mearns' Regt. of Militia, at Rutland, at the expiration of which
time he enlisted into Capt. John Sawyer's Company of Col. Horatio Bangs,
to serve for six months - was in the north part of Vermont at the evacuation
of Ticonderoga, was in several engagements at Lake George, Landing Mount
Hope &c. at the battle of Bennington under Gen. Stark, and continued to serve
under Col. Benoit in different parts of Vermont until discharged at Pawlet,
in December. At Newburgh served Gen. Lincoln - soon after being dis-
charged as above stated this Depo-
nent volunteered, and took command of a
Detachment of Vermont Militia, to guard and escort a party of Persons
from Bennington, Vermont to Hartford Connecticut, which service he performed,
was absent on duty in the latter State three months, and in March 1780,
was discharged, and returned to Rutland. From April 1780, he served du-
ring the remainder of the year as a minute man in and near the Town of
Rutland, with the Garrison under command of Col. Thomas Sawyer of the
Vermont Militia, with Col. Sawyer's command, and a part of Col. Warner's
Regt. under Capt. Branson of the Continental Line. Having served six
months, he was discharged. In 1780, this Depo-
nent having removed from
Rutland to Williamstown in Massachusetts, volunteered to go with a Compa-
ny of Militia under Capt. Samuel Clark to the neighborhood of New York;
but before reaching the place of destination, counter orders were received,
and the Detachment was disbanded in one month after this Depo-
nent commenced his tour of duty. In October of the same year, he again vol-
unteered into the Militia under Capt. N. Smedley, to go to Castleton in

Vermont, where, after one month's service, he was again discharged. In the above detailed two years and three month's service this Dependent acted during six months as a Sergeant and the remainder of the several terms as a Private Soldier. This Dependent never had any written discharge nor other documentary evidence of his service, and knows of no person who can testify to any part thereof, besides George Alford, whose affidavit is hereto annexed. He further testifies, that he continued to reside in Williamstown until 1783, and has since lived two years in Rutland 3 years in Burlington, 7 years in Benningburgh, 6 years in Georgia (all in the State of Vermont), 14 years in Millsborough 2 years in Sayage County, and 15 years in Ridgeway, in the State of New York. He further deposes that he is known to William E. Warner, a Minister of the Gospel, and to Samuel Tappan, one of the Judges of this Court, who he believes will testify to his veracity, and the general opinion of his Revolutionary service. And he hereby relinquishes every claim to any Pension or Annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State and further faith not.

Subscribed & sworn this 22nd day
of January 1888 in Open Court
Before Me

Benedict Alford

J. P. Mills Clerk

We William E. Warner, a Minister of the Gospel in the County of Orleans, and Samuel Tappan of said County, one of the Judges of the County thereof, do hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Benedict Alford, who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration. That we believe him to be twenty five years of age. That he is respected and believed in the neighborhood in which he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution. And that we concur in that opinion.

Wm E. Warner

Subscribed & sworn this 22nd day
of January 1888 in Open Court
Before Me

Sam. Tappan

J. P. Mills Clerk

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named Applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and found as he states. And the

Pittsburgh
Albany 30. 8. 11

Benedict Alford

Albany Co. in the State of N. York
He was a Private in the company
of Captain Prior of the Regt.
by Col. Safford in the West. &
has for 18 months

St. Louis, Mo.
Records completed

Inscribed on the Roll of Albany
at the rate of 60 Dollars
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 20th day of
1836 and sent to Hon. S.
H. R.

Amounts to the 1st of March '36. 300
Pensioner allowance ending 1st Sept. '36. 33

\$330

Revolutionary Pension
As per 7. 11
May 16. 1836

Recorded by D Brown

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BENEDICT ALFORD.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 195.]

JANUARY 15, 1834.

Mr. WARDWELL, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Benedict Alford, report:

That the petitioner has lately made application to the War Department, under the act of June 7, 1832, for a pension. This claim was suspended, and ultimately rejected. The objections to its allowance were: 1st, that he had not, in his declaration, mentioned, with precision, the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine what amount of pension he was entitled to receive; 2d. that he had not given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations. These were the only objections to his claim.

The petitioner, in his declaration, deposes "that, about the 1st of February, 1776, he enlisted under Captain A. Prior, to serve for six months, but does not remember in what line or corps, nor who were the field officers; that, after remaining two months in said company, he procured a substitute, who was accepted, and (as applicant believes) served the residue of the term; that, in June next following, (1776,) he enlisted into a company of volunteers under Captain Jonathan Farret, of Pittsford, Vermont, to serve during the campaign; that there were two other companies in this battalion, commanded by Captains Matthew Lyon and John Farret, the whole said to belong to a regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Safford; and that he served in said detachment six months, and was discharged. In 1777, he was two months, from the 1st of April, in Captain Simeon Wright's company, in Colonel James Mend's regiment of militia, at the expiration of which time he enlisted into Captain Jesse Sawyer's company, of Colonel Herrick's rangers, to serve for six months, and continued to serve therein until discharged in December; that he afterwards volunteered and took command of a detachment of militia to guard and escort prisoners from Bennington to Hartford, and was on duty three months. From April, 1778, he served during the remainder of the year as a minute man, in and near the town of Rutland, with the garrison under the command of Colonel Thomas Sawyer, of the Vermont militia, and a part of Colonel Warner's regiment, under Captain Bronson, of the

continental line; that, having served six months, he was discharged. In 1780 he volunteered to go with a company of militia under Captain Samuel Clark, from Williamstown (Mass.) to the neighborhood of New York; that he served one month, and was discharged. In October, of the same year, he again volunteered under Captain N. Smedley, to go to Castleton, (Vermont,) and was discharged after one month's service; that, during the terms of service above, he acted as a sergeant six months, and the remainder of the time as a private."

The committee have extracted from the petitioner's declaration only that portion which relates to the periods of service and the names of the officers under whom he served. The petitioner is now upwards of seventy-five years of age. It ought not to be expected of him now to remember so as to state more particularly the periods of his service, or the names of the officers under whom he served.

In an additional affidavit, annexed to the declaration of the petitioner, he defines more particularly the commencement and termination of each period of his service. One period of service, in this affidavit, is stated to be one month less than in the declaration. In all other particulars there is no material departure from the original declaration.

In addition to the foregoing, and the usual traditional evidence of his services, the petitioner has produced to the committee an affidavit made by George Alford, a brother of the petitioner, proving about 18 months' service in the years 1776, 1777, and 1778.

The committee are of the opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief, and report a bill accordingly for 18 months' service as a private soldier.

The State of Ohio
Gauga County

3/ On this fourteenth day of February
A.D. 1897. before me the subscriber, a
Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Gauga, personally
appeared Benedict Alford, who on his oath declares that
he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company
commanded by Captain Jonathan Tapett in the regiment
commanded by Colonel Samuel Safford of the Vermont
six month troops in the service of the United States; That
his name was placed on the Pension roll of the State of New York
from whence he has lately removed; That he now resides in
the State of Ohio Pittsburgh agency, where he intends to remain
and wishes his pension to be there payable in future, the follow-
ing are his reasons for removing from Orleans County in the State
of New York to Gauga County, State of Ohio where he
now resides, viz. That his son, with whom he resides & upon whom
he depends for a home, had determined to remove & wished
him to accompany him

Benedict Alford

Sworn Subscribed to & sworn me
the day & year aforesaid

Thomas Metcalf Justice of the Peace

I, Benedict Alford Junr., of lawful age, being duly sworn
do on my said oath declare that Benedict Alford who has
subscribed and sworn to the foregoing affidavit, is the
identical person therein described

Benedict Alford
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th

day of February A.D. 1837- by the said ~~Thomas Metcalf~~
Alford Glen - whom, from personal acquaintance, I hereby
certify to be a person of truth & veracity & whose statement
in the foregoing deposition may be relied on as true

Thomas Metcalf J. P.

Justice of the Peace
for the County of Geauga
in the State of Ohio
Benedict ~~W. H. H. H.~~

The State of Ohio }
Gauga County }

I, D. L. Aiken, Clerk
of the Court of Common Pleas
for said County, do hereby certify
that Thomas Metcalf Esq. before
whom the foregoing oath and acknow-
ledgment appear to have been taken
on the day of the date hereof, is a Justice of the
peace in and for said County, duly commis-
sioned and sworn; and further, that I am well ac-
quainted with the Hand-writing of the said Jus-
tice and do truly believe the foregoing signatures,
purporting to be his are true and genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have set my
hand and affix the Seal of said Court at Chardon
this 14th day of February A.D. 1837

D. L. Aiken Clerk

Chardon
Geauga Co
Ohio

Dear Sir

Chardon Feb 7th 1830

I am solicited by Mr Benedict Alford to inquire of you if his mother was at her death entitled to a stipend. Mrs Alford was the wife of Benedict Alford a revolutionary soldier who died AD 1838 & was in the receipt of a pension at his death of I think ninety six dollars per year. He was married to Mrs Alford the mother of the present applicant prior to 1790 & she survived him near a year & was supported by this applicant. he wishes to be informed if he can as heir procure the amount of anything due his mother at her death. he is a poor uneducated man & has but recently been informed that he probably could procure something due his mother & for this reason he has not applied before. An early answer would much oblige.

Yours Truly
J L Edwards Esq A H. Wheeler

March 3, 1859.

BA-J/CC
Benedict Alford
S.8016

Mrs. Fred G. Deal,
Old Post Road
LaGrange, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Benedict Alford, who served from Vermont as private under Captain Simon Wright, and that of Paul Michael of Harrison County, Virginia.

There is no claim for pension on file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of a Paul Michael. The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim S.8016, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Benedict Alford.

Benedict Alford was born in the year 1757, in Windsor, Connecticut, names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Windsor, Connecticut, Benedict Alford enlisted February 1, 1776, served two months as private in Captain A. Prior's company, he then moved to Rutland, Vermont and served as sergeant and private in the Vermont troops as follows: enlisted June 1, 1776, served six months in Captain Jonathan Fassett's company, Colonel Samuel Safford's regiment; enlisted April 1, 1777, served two months in Captain Simon Wright's company, Colonel James Wood's regiment; enlisted June 1, 1777, served six months in Captain Jesse Sawyer's company, Colonel Samuel Herrick's regiment and was at the evacuation of Ticonderago, the battles of Mount Hope, Bennington and Lake George Landing; enlisted in December 1777, served two or three months as sergeant of a detachment of militia guarding prisoners; enlisted April 1778, served six months in Captain Simon Wright's company, Colonel Thomas Sawyer's regiment. In 1780, he moved to Williamstown, Massachusetts and served one month in Captain Samuel Clark's Massachusetts company, and enlisted in October 1780, served one month in Captain N. Smedley's Massachusetts company.

Benedict Alford, the soldier, lived in Williamstown, *denied* Massachusetts until 1783, after which he lived two years in Rutland, three years in Burlington, seven years in Fitchburg, six years in Georgia, all in the State of Vermont, fourteen years in Hillsborough, two years in Cayuga County, State of New York, and in 1833, had lived fifteen years in Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York.

Benedict Alford applied for pension in 1833. He was granted a pension of \$30.00 per annum on certificate No. 50611 which was issued June 20, 1835. In February 1837, he had moved with his son from Orleans County, New York to Troy, Georgia County, Ohio. Benedict Alford, Jr., was then (February 1837) in said Troy. Benedict, Senior, died in 1838, and his widow died about one year later. Their son, Benedict, had cared for them for thirty years. The widow did not apply for pension. Benedict Alford, Junior, was living in Troy, Ohio in 1839, then aged seventy-three years; he then referred to his two brothers, one of whom went to Missouri, the other to Lower Canada, neither of whom he had heard from for forty or fifty years; he did not give their names. His mother and father married prior to 1783. In 1823, the soldier's wife was aged sixty-nine years. The soldier's daughter and her two fatherless children, and a motherless grandchild were all living with him at that time.

In 1826, George Alford, brother of Benedict, the soldier, was a resident of Monroe, Monroe County, Territory of Michigan. There are no further family data.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator.