

SERVICE

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Alford, John

S. 1744

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Paid at the Treasury under the
Act of 6. April 1838 from 4th
Sep 1836. to 24 April 1837. Apts
Notified 28. Sep 1844

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West Tennessee

John Alford

of Davidson Co in the State of Tennessee
who was a Private in the Company commanded
by Captain Shelton of the Regt commanded
by Genl — in the Virginia
line for 7 months.

Enrolled on the Roll of Tennessee
at the rate of 23 Dollars 33 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 16 day of Mar
1833 — and sent to Hon. Rice
Nashville

Amount to the 1st of Mar '33 — \$46.60
Pension allowance ending 4 Sept '33 11 80

\$58.39

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *Thos. Brownwell* Clerk
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Declaration of John Alford of
Davidson County Tennessee in order to ob-
tain the benefit of the act of Congress
passed June 7. 1832.

State of Tennessee } Federal Court of
Davidson County } the United States, sitting
for the District of West
Tennessee at Nashville
Sept. 1832.

On the 8th day of September 1832 personally appear-
ed before the Court aforesaid John Alford a
resident of the State and county aforesaid, aged
seventy two on the 8th of May 1832, who being first
duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make
the following declaration in order to obtain the
benefit of an act of Congress passed June
1832.

I intend the service of the United States
in the year 1778 in the County of Albemarle Virginia
where I then resided, on which occasion I was drafted
to guard some British prisoners who had been brought
to Albemarle County Virginia for safe keeping,
and I served as guard over said prisoners for one
month. I served as a private drafted militia man
under Captain David Shelton, the other officers in
this occasion I do not recollect. Capt Shelton
was the highest officer in command of those
who guarded the prisoners on that occasion.
The place where this service was performed was
about 45 miles from my residence.

In the year 1780 I was again drafted for three
months tour and marched from Amherst County

2 to Richmond - from Richmond we marched
to a place called Maebins hill near to old
Jamestown, at which place (Maebins hill)
we were stationed for some time, and occasion-
ally marched from that place in various
directions, untill our three months of service ex-
pired. On this tour Capt. James Phipps was
my captain, and Charles Jones Lieutenant -
The Sunday was Colonel, Phipps I think,
was Col. Lindsay's first name but of this I am
not positive -

My third tour of service was in the year 1781
when I was again drafted for three months service
and marched from home in Amherst county through
Albemarle county, and the lower counties of Vir-
ginia towards the sea board, intending to go toward
Little York where Cornwallis then was, and was dis-
charged just before the surrender of Cornwallis,
my three months having expired - James Barnett
was my Captain on this occasion - The Lieutenant's
name I do not now remember.

I received written discharges both from Capt Phipps
and Capt Barnett, but have long since lost
them, not knowing they would ever be of any
value.

I hereby relinquish every claim whithin to any
pension except the present, or to any annuity, and
declare that my name has never been on the pension
roll of any State. John Atford

And the said Court do hereby declare their
opinion that the above named applicant was
a revolutionary soldier, and so well as he states,

Robert H. Foster
Moses Spear a clergyman and
to my colleagues
Davidson County hereby certify that we are
well acquainted with John Alford, who has
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration
and that we believe him to be fully entitled to
credit on his oath. Moses Spear the clergyman aforesaid,
further states that the applicant has lived in his neighborhood since his first settle-
ment in Va. during all which time he has been an exemplary member of a me-
thodist church and his care. Said Spear has always understood that the
applicant was a soldier of the revolution & for years past has heard him
recount several anecdotes connected with his service.

Moses Spear

R. H. Foster

J. H. Foster

Robert H. Foster

Question - Where and in what year were you born?

Answer - I was born in the year 1760 in Frederick County Md.

Question - Where were you living when called into service,
where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and
where do you now live?

Answer - I lived in Amherst County Virginia at the
time I was called into service, and lived there until 1804
when I removed to Davidson County Tennessee where
I have resided ever since.

Question - Have you any record of your age
and if so where is it?

Answer - I have in my Bible at home which I copied
from my father's register of the ages of his children.

Question - How were you called into service
were you drafted, or were you a volunteer or
a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer - I was drafted each time.

Question - State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops when you were with, such ~~circumstances~~, and military regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service -

Answer - I do not remember that any regular officer was with us on any of the above named towns except the before mentioned Col Lindsay - I cannot remember the name of the regiment in which I served, and have already stated the prominent circumstances of my service in my Declaration.

Question - Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer - I received a discharge both from Capt. Pamplin and Capt. Barnett, but do not know what has become of them.

Question - State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer - I am acquainted with Moses Spar a Clergyman in my neighbourhood, with Maj^r Thomas Edmondson, and Col. Robert Kearney of Davidson County, with Robert C. Foster, with John H. Eaton late Secretary of war, with the Hon. John Bell who represents this district in Congress, and many other persons.

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And the said Court further certify that it appears to them, that the persons who have signed the preceding Certificate are residents of the County of Davidson, and are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit. ~~day~~
of Sept 1833. The said Court also certifies that Morrison is a slave-
owner of standing & respectability. The said Court further certifies, that they believe that
he offered the applicant, was a violator of the resolution, & served as he has stated.

John McNairy
District Judge

I Nathaniel A. McNairy Clerk of the
said Circuit Court of the United States for
the District of West Tennessee in the said
Circuit, do hereby certify that the foregoing
contains the original proceedings of the said
Court, in the matter of the application of John
Ablyrd for a pardon.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal of office this 1st of
Sept 1833.

N. A. McNairy Clerk
of the Circuit Court of the United
States for the District of Tennessee

W.A. 1

February 1, 1928

Honorable Elmer Thomas
United States Senate

My dear Senator:

In response to your letter of January 30, 1928, I have the honor to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension file, S. 1744, it appears that JOHN ALFORD was born May 8, 1760, in Frederick County, Virginia.

While a resident of Amherst County, Virginia, he enlisted and served as a private with the Virginia troops as follows:

In 1778 he served one month under Captain David Shelton.

In 1780 he served three months under Captain James Pamplin and Colonel Lindsay.

In 1781 he served three months under Captain James Earnest.

In 1806 he moved from Amherst County, Virginia, to Davidson County, Tennessee.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 8, 1832, at which time he was living in Davidson County, Tennessee.

He died April 24, 1837.

This is the only soldier from Virginia by the name of John Alford that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Very truly yours,

WILFELD SCOTT
Commissioner

Rev. War Section.
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February 13, 1928.

Mrs. W. H. Crosby,
Box 204,
Elk City, Oklahoma.

Madam:

I advise you that the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim of John Alford S. 1744, contain no data relative to his wife and children.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT,
Commissioner.