

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Telford S4681

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The State of Ohio Miami County SS

Court of Common Pleas September Term 1832

On this 29th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the court of Common Pleas for the County aforesaid, being a court of record, now sitting, Alexander Telford, a resident of said County, aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service aforesaid in the County of Rockbridge Virginia, about the latter end of the harvest in the year 1780, as a volunteer for the term of three months, in the company commanded by Captain Charles Campbell – that he and his company, together with another volunteer company under the command of Captain David Gray marched together to Richmond Virginia – that after remaining there a few days they marched to Petersburg from thence to Cabin Point on James River where there were two or three Regiments of regulars as he thinks which together with the company to which he belonged were under the command of General Muhlenberg – that the company to which he belonged being a rifle company they were nearly all the time engaged in scouting through the country and at so many different places of no particular note that he cannot recollect them now [or] the length of time he remained at any of them with any degree of certainty – that the company returned from Cabin Point to Petersburg and from thence to Richmond at which place he thinks he was discharged at the expiration of his said term of service. And further that about the first of June 1781 in Rockbridge County aforesaid, he entered said service as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain John Telford in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Boyer – that the Regiment marched in the direction of Richmond through Charlottesville to deep run church about 12 miles from Richmond that their march was not direct, but went from Charlottesville in the direction of Fredericksburg and then across to the road from Charlottesville to Richmond – that at deep run church the services of said militia being no longer required, he was discharged from the service aforesaid – the served in said last mentioned tour five or six weeks as near as he can now recollect. And further that about the first of August 1781 he entered the service aforesaid as a drafted militia man for the term of three months, in said County of Rockbridge, in the company commanded by Captain David Gray in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis, & that from there they marched to Richmond through Charlottesville – that they lay at Richmond several days when they were reviewed by Governor Nelson – that they marched from Richmond and crossed the Pomonky [Pamunkey] River and a short distance from the River where they encamped, to wit, the Regiment to which he belonged, which was composed entirely of riflemen under the command of said Colonel

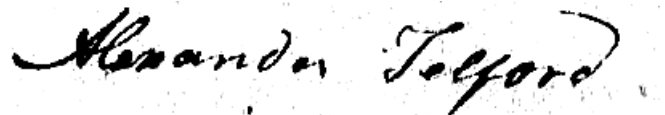
Lewis together with a considerable number of the regular troops, where they lay some days, when they marched through Williamsburg to Burrill mill, midway between Williamsburg and York Town – there they lay until the Army collected, and then marched to York Town when the siege of that place was commenced – that he remained there in said service until within about three days of the surrender of Cornwallis, when he was discharged from said service at that place – that at the time he was discharged the company to which he belonged were nearly all sick, and it is probable that on that account they were discharged a few days before the end of three months from the time they entered the service, that as soon as he was discharged, he returned home to Rockbridge County aforesaid without delay and he is very certain that he did not get back until the expiration of three months from the time he left home in said service – that he knew General Washington, General Lafayette, General Muhlenberg he thinks, & Colonel Tucker who were with the troops at the siege of York Town. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He states further –

1. I was born in what was then called Augusta County Virginia on the first day of June 1760
2. He has a record of his age in his possession which is a correct transcript of the record kept by his father
3. He was living in the County of Rockbridge aforesaid at the several times he entered the service as aforesaid where he continued to reside until the year 1787 – he then removed to Scott County where he resided until the year 1804 – he then removed to Green County Ohio where he resided three years – he then removed to Miami County of Ohio where he has resided ever since.
4. He has already stated how he entered the service and he has stated the names of all the officers he knew & whose names he recollects who were with the troops where he served & the general circumstances of his services.
6. He did not receive any written discharge from the service aforesaid & he has no documentary evidence of his said services but has procured the affidavit of Wm Berry to prove them.
7. He states the names of James Harrison clergyman, Hurlbut Murray & William Barbee to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 29 September 1832.

S/ John G Telford, Clerk

S/ Alexander Telford



[James Harrison, a clergyman, Holbert Murray and William Barbee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Ohio Miami County: SS  
Court of Common Pleas September Term A.D. 1832

Personally appeared in open court William Berry<sup>1</sup> of the County of Mercer in the State of Ohio, who after being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that about the latter end of harvest in the year 1780 Alexander Telford now of the County of Miami of Ohio, then a resident of Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia, entered the service of the United States in the County last aforesaid as a volunteer in a company of Militia under the command of Captain Charles Campbell, which company was raised for the performance of a three month's tour of

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<sup>1</sup> [William Berry S2371](#)

duty – that this deponent was a near neighbor of the said Telford at the time he entered the service aforesaid and distinctly recollects the above facts, and also that the said Telford left the neighborhood in said company and that in about three months or more he returned home, brought home a rifle being as this deponent believes, this one which he took away with him, and he had every appearance of having been in the service. This deponent further saith that about the first June 1781 the said Telford entered said service in Rockbridge County aforesaid as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain John Telford, and that this deponent was in the same company as a volunteer, which company was under the command of Colonel John Boyer – that they marched to deep run church about 12 miles from Richmond, and their services being no longer required they were there discharged and returned home – that said Telford was in said service in the last mentioned tour five or six weeks the exact length of time he does not recollect. Further that about the first of August 1781 the said Telford was drafted in the County of Rockbridge aforesaid into the service aforesaid for the term of three months in a company commanded by Captain David Gray which company was under the command of Colonel Lewis. That the said Telford started from home about the time last aforesaid in said company – that in a few weeks afterwards this deponent was drafted and went to Yorktown at the time of the siege and he there saw the said Telford in said service and was there when he was discharged about the time of the surrender of Yorktown by Cornwallis and that from the time he entered said service until he returned would have taken up the full term of three months as this deponent believes. Sworn to & subscribed in open court 24th of September 1832.

S/J. G. Telford, Clerk

S/ Wm Berry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Berry". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[Alexander Telford was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]