

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia pension application of John Allen VAS1470
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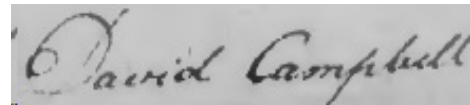
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To the Legislature of Virginia

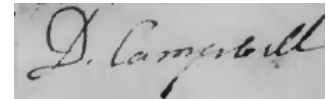
The petition of John Allen respectfully represents that in the year 1781, he turned out as a volunteer in a company of Militia raised in the County of Botetourt. Your petitioner served in the action of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]. In the retreat of the detachment under General [Daniel] Morgan, which took place a few days after the action, in consequence of the approach of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis, you petitioner was wounded & made prisoner by the British. He, with much difficulty effected his escape. His wound have been always afflicting to him but have of late impaired his ability of attending to his private affairs. Your petitioner therefore prays that such aid may be afforded him, as to the wisdom of the Legislature may seem proper. John Allen

February 7th 1781.

John Allen is discharged from serving in the Rifle Reg't of Volunteers from Virginia.
David Campbell Mjr of Rifle Reg't Volunteers



The Commissaries of public Stores are requested to issue provisions to sd Allen on his Return to Virginia.



[The original of the following is faint.]

Botetourt Cty to wit

The Depositions of James Wicks, Alexander Cooper and William Boyar Taken before John Todd one of The Justices for the county aforesaid, these Deponants Being of lawfull age & Duly sworn Deposeth and Sayeth. that they have all been acquainted for a number of years with John Allen and that he is so Debilitated by wounds he Recived in the year 1781 in the Revolutionary War, that he is rendered unfit for any Bodily labour or [undeciphered word] to walk one half mile or through the fields and is [undeciphered word] Intirely lame, and in our oppinion Ought to be Intitled to aid by the publick The above statement these Deponants say they all know of there own knowledge These deponants say they did not see s'd Allen wounded but have seen the marks of the wounds and that it is notorious s'd Allen rec'd them in the revolutionary war with great Britain

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th of Dec 1810

John Todd

James [undeciphered]

William Bogan[?]

Alex'r Cooper

I do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with John Allen for a number of years the s'd Allen [several undeciphered words] and is wounded in one hand and have always heard s'd Allen rec'd s'd wound by the British in the late revolutionary war and in my opinion is entitled to a pension

John Todd

Botetourt C'y (towit)

The Deposition of William Todd taken before John Todd one of the Justices for the County aforesaid and Being Duly sworn Deposeth and sayeth that this Deponant Turned out as a volunteer in the winter of

1780 to serve to the South for the Term of 3 months as well as this deponant recollects, and that John Allen Turned out at the same time [one or two undeciphered words] the same service and on the Retreat from the Battle at the cowpens to Guilford Courthouse that the said John Allen was Taken prisoner and so wounded in several places so that he did not joyn the army untill they Reached Gilford Courthouse when he was much Debilitated and the Major of the Rifel Company to wich we Belonged Discharged said Allen [some undeciphered words] and at this Time is [undeciphered word] Very lame and not fit for any manly labour nor to [two undeciphered words] through the fields and in my oppinion is Intitled to a pension this Deponant says he was a messmate of the s'd Allen untill he was Discharged and fell in with him the night after he Recved the wound all the above statement he knows to his own knowledge
Subscribed and sworn to this 7th day of December 1810 William Dodd
John Todd

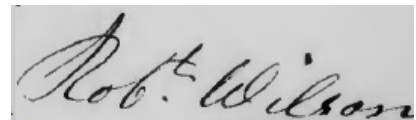
Botetourt County (towit)

This day Robert Willson of the said county came before me Joseph Hannah a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and made Oath as followeth To wit

That he, the said Robert Willson, was in the Rifle Reg't of Volunteers from Virginia, in February of the year 1781 in company with John Allen, in the State of North Carolina when the said Allen as he understood was taken prisoner by the British and was run through the right hand with a bayonet and was also wounded in the left hip, at the same time and that the said Allen afterwards made his escape by some means and that he the said Robert Willson assisted the said Allen in geting away who was much debilitated by reason of the wounds he received and that he now appears to be much disabled by the wounds he then and there received. [Robert Wilson]

Sworn to before me and subscribed the 5th day of December 1810.

Joseph Hannah

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rob. Willson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Claims Dec'r. 20 1810
Reasonable Dec'r 27th
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