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Virginia documents pertaining to John Allen Sr and John Allen Jr VAS2212
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To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia.

The petition of Elizabeth A. Allen & Sally Foster, humbly sheweth, that they are the only heirs of John Allen Sr. and John Allen Jr [undeciphered word] John Allen Sr. of the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia died leaving several children all of whom died with [sic] issue, except John Allen jr the father of your petitioners. The said John jr only had two children who are your petitioners. From the best information your petitioners can obtain – The said John Sr & John jr both of the County of Northumberland aforesaid, enlisted in the regular Service during the Revolutionary war, on the 13th of Novr. 1779 under a certain Capt. Benjamin Roberts [pension application S31343] of the State line (but of which Regiment [several undeciphered words]) for the term of during the war, which time they served, as your petitioners are informed & were honourably discharged. They hope there is satisfactory documentary evidence to establish their claims in both cases & that they shall forthwith receive the warrant for bounty land to which they were so justly entitled & also the payment promised to all soldiers who had enlisted or would enlist for the war, previous to April 1st 1781 according to the law passed in Oct 1780. Your petitioner Sally Foster is now a resident of Northumberland County & your petitioner Elizabeth A. Allen is a resident of Lancaster County They hope their case is fairly made out & may & may be sustained by Documentary evidence. Given under their hands this 6th day of Oct 1834

Sally herXmark Foster Elizabeth herXmark A. Allen

To his Excellency Littleton Waller Tazewell Governor of Virginia.

The memorial of the undersigned respectfully sheweth, that they are the only heirs at law of John Allen Sr & John Allen Jr Soldiers of the Revolutionary war, & that many months ago they in accordance to the form prescribed, presented their memorial praying for the bounty lands due the said John Sr & John jr which was rejected. From the best information your memorialists can obtain it appears from the old books of the Army Register, there is one, shewing the enlistments of a great many soldiers, & amongst them, the enlistments of the said John Sr & John Jr & also the particular time & how long their enlistments were for, & that the said enlistments were subsequent to Oct 1780 & previous to April 1781 & for & during the war. As these facts were so fully set forth in one of the books of the Army Register, your memorialists deemed it entirely unnecessary to take the evidence of any living witnesses, presuming that in all cases the record fact was superior to any evidence that might be introduced from other sources. And your memorialists believed that it was proper to corroborate the record evidence by that [undeciphered word] evidence, they would have sought out for such. But it is now too late, to do any thing, of the kind, & they have no redress, except for a reconsideration of their case by your Excellency. They do earnestly hope & trust that your Excellency will take their cases up again, & cause the book of enlistments to be brought before you that you may be fully satisfied with the facts, there recorded. Your memorialists fear that from some inadvertency, the cases might not have been properly explained & the facts referred to probably not introduced before you at the time of rejection. They do not pretend to implicate any person if such be the facts, for errors of omission may occur in the best officers of the Government. If your Excellency will be so good as to reconsider the cases of your memorialists (who are poor & helpless females) & after investigating the same, should decide against them or for them, they will be content, as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Attest/ Jos. A. Caster
21st Aug't 1835

Elizabeth herXmark A. Allen Sarah herXmark Foster

NOTE: There were several Revolutionary soldiers named John Allen who applied for pensions and bounty land from Virginia, and it is difficult to determine which of them, if any, was the John Allen Sr or John Allen Jr referred to above. Compare in particular the pension application of John Allen S4259.