

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of John Allison BLWt86789-160-55
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State of Virginia }
City of Petersburg } S.S.

On this 25 day of October 1858 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the City and state aforesaid John Allison aged Eighty three years a resident of said City and state aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical John Allison, who was a private in the company commanded by Captain William Bowden, in the [blank] Regiment of [blank] commanded by Maj'r. John McRae in what has usually been called the Chesapeake war, that the said Company tendered their services as a Volunteer Corps under the proclamation of President Jefferson in the year 1807 which tender of service was accepted and they marched from Petersburg Virg'a for Norfolk on the 9th day of July 1807, that the Company was stationed at Portsmouth and remained in actual service till the 5th day of August 1807 a period of 27 days and was honorably discharged at Portsmouth on the day above mentioned – this affiant refers the Commissioner of Pensions to the muster and pay roll of said Company which must be in the proper office of the Department at Washington, he would further refer to the Certificate of Lieuft. General Winfield Scott, which is hereto attached for further proof of his services in said Company.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved 3^d March 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any act of Congress, nor made any other application therefor.

[signed] John Allison

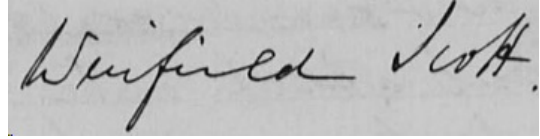
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The Affidavit of John Allison of the City and State aforesaid, do upon his oath declare that he was a private in the troop of Cavalry commanded by Capt. Wm. Bowden & Lieuft. John Hart – that the said Company Volunteered & tendered their services to the United States under the proclamation and call of President Thomas Jefferson in the year 1807 on the occasion alluded to in Lieuft. Gen'l. Winfield Scotts certificate hereto annexed, that we volunteered at Petersburg and were called into active service on the 9th of July marched to Portsmouth and were stationed there in actual service till the 5th August 1807, every member of the Company, that I now name and well recollect of period of over Fourteen days most of them 27 days – Viz. Charles Cosling, Nathaniel Snelson, Walker Jones, Christopher Jones, Robert K. Jones, John S. Mertins, John Hinton, Townsend Stith, John F. May, Archibald Thweatt, John Dejarnett, Benjamin M. Harrison and Lt. Gen'l. W. Scott, then a private of said Corps, that they were all honorably discharged – Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1858. [signed] John Allison

Head Qrs. of the Army,
New York, Octr. 21, 1858.

This is to certify that immediately after the proclamation of President Jefferson, in June 1807, interdicting all communication between certain British ships of War, then lying in our waters & our shores, consequent on the then recent attack on the American frigate, the Chesapeake, made by one or more of the said ships – the Petersburg troop of horse (volunteers) tendered its services to enforce the said proclamation, which tender, being accepted by the President, they said troop duly marched, under orders, to the neighborhood of the said ships then lying at anchor in Hampton Roads or Lynhaven Bay. I joined the said troop, as a private, for the special service, at the moment of its leaving Petersburg.

Having soon after our arrival at Portsmouth (or Norfolk) been personally detached, with a few others, of the same troops, for service as a picket, on the shore of Lyn Haven Bay, opposite to the British squadron, & having been very little in Petersburg in the last fifty-one years – I can recall, with certainty, but very few of my brother troopers. These are: Captain Bowden & Lieut. Hart; John Allison, John F. May, John L. Mertens & Rob't. K. Jones, who severally, marched with the troop from the beginning. John Hinton, I am sure, was absent from Petersburg at that moment; but he joined soon after.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Winfield Scott". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

It will be easy to ascertain the beginning & termination of this tour of service by the muster & pay rolls of the troops which if not burnt (by the British in September 1814) with the War office, may be found at Washington./ W. S.

I Jonathan M. Bennett, Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia, hereby Certify that it appears from the original Rolls on file in this office of The Petersburg Troop of Cavalry Commanded by Captain William Bowden whilst stationed at Portsmouth in the year 1807 that John Allison served as Serg't. Commissary Q'r. Master in said Company from the 9th day of July 1807 to the 5th day of August 1807 (28 days) and that he received as pay for the services of himself and horse, of the State of Virginia the sum of \$26.31¾ Cents, which said sum of money was afterwards refunded her by the United States. – Given under my hand at the Auditors office in the City of Richmond Va. the 26th day of March 1859.

J M Bennett

This service was known as the "Chesapeake War" David Barclay (who is now dead) got a warrant No 84,030 for same service L. D. Watkins/ 28 March 1859

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