

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ananias Allen R100

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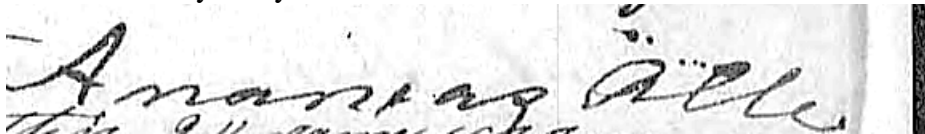
State of Alabama, Jackson County

On this 21st day of January 1835 personally appeared before me Thompson M. Rector [could be Rector] Judge of the County court of said County & State Ananias Allen a resident of said County & state, aged seventy seven 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 made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 under the following named officers – this Captain John Cleveland – Major Hardgrave [?]- Colonel Smith and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – I left the service in the month of October 1781 – I resided in the County of Wilkes, North Carolina, and I went into the Army – On joining the Army we marched down the country & joined Head quarters at “The Raft Swamp”-- went through the swamp seven miles long – thence we [were] ordered to attack a party of British & Tories, between Drowning Creek & Little Pedee [River], where they were encamped – thence we crossed Brown Swamp & Ashpole Swamp – thence to Head quarters where I remained until sent home on express by Captain Cleveland – I was in an engagement under the command of Captain Cleveland with a British commander (Captain Woolerson [?]), with the British & Tories – name of Battle ground not recollected – I served what was called a three months tour –in a company of mounted infantry.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ananias Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ananias Allen". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Ananias" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Allen".

[McNairy Harris, a clergyman, and Henry F Scruggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1756.

I have no record of my age – I had it in a testament (taken from my Father's Bible) which was taken out of my possession by one of my sons – who now has it.

When called into service I lived in Wilkes County North Carolina – thence I moved to Adair County Kentucky – thence to Jackson County Tennessee – thence to Jackson County Alabama where I now reside.

I entered the Army as a volunteer.

General Rutherford, Colonel Smith, Lieutenant Colonel Cunningham, Captain John Cleveland, were the names of the regular officers of the militia that I can recollect – I have already stated as much of the general circumstances of my services as my memory serves me to recollect.

Sworn to and subscribed for me this [illegible] day January 1835. S/ Ananias Allen

S/ Thompson M. Rector, Judge

I never received a discharge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 24th of January 1835.

S/ Thompson M. Rector, Judge of [illegible] Court

V. Fulcher, Thos Longaton, William Vaughn, & Henry Gillaspie, can testify as to my character for veracity, & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

[Died 1840 in Jackson County, Ala.; survived by at least two sons, Hiram Allen and Wilson L. Allen]

[A note in the file indicates that the claim was rejected because the veteran failed to prove the requisite minimum of 6 months service during the revolution.]