

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Allen ¹ R101

Apsabeth Allen

f19NC

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On the 23rd day of April A.D. 1853 personally appeared before me John P Cook a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Mrs. Apsabeth have been a resident of Johnston County aged 86 years who having been first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the several acts of Congress granting half pay and pensions to certain widows of deceased Soldiers that she is the widow of Nathan Allen who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and served in Captain John Trazits [?]² Company thirty months that he went from the County of Johnston in the State of North Carolina She further declares that she was legally married to the said Nathan Allen in the County of Johnston in the year 1791 by Isaac Powel Esquire and that her name before her marriage was Apsabeth Ballinger that her said husband the aforesaid Nathan Allen died on the 4th day of January 1832. That she has not married since Nathan Allen's death but continues to be his widow.

S/ Apsabith Allen, X her mark

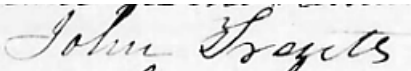
State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 19th day of November 1853 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County James Braddy [sic] a Pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War aged 91 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following Affidavit.

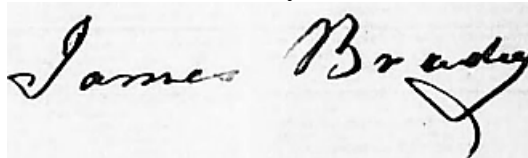
This affiant testifies and says he was well acquainted with Nathan Allen deceased and is well acquainted with Mrs. Absebeth Allen his widow who is now applying for the services of her husband Nathan Allen. I know Nathan Allen served in the Revolutionary War Thirty months and I know that whilst he was in the service after the Tories he had a very fine mayor shot and killed by the enemy such a manner now would bring one hundred fifty or seventy-five dollars.

This affiant has a perfect and distinct Recollection of the said Nathan Allen and knows he married Absebeth Ballinger after the Revolutionary War and I know she is his widow and I know he died about the year 1832 and left four sons Young, John, Nathan and William all of them since died except John who is now living.

¹ BLWt45591-160-55

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S/ James Brady



[p 7: Copy of a marriage bond dated March 22, 1791 issued in Johnston County North Carolina to Nathan Allen and William Ballinger, bondsmen, conditioned upon the marriage of Nathan Allen to Aprabeth Ballinger.]

[p 11: On April 12, 1856 in Johnston County North Carolina, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Nathan Allen; that she married him in Johnston County in the spring of the year 1791; that they were married by Isaac Powell, a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Aprabeth Ballinger; that her husband died in Johnston County North Carolina in April 1811; that she has no record of her marriage or of her husband's death. She signed this application with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I William J Clarke Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my Office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary war as follows:

"Nathan Allen."

Indent or Army certificate issued by the auditor of [Newburne] New Bern District No. 112, October 17th, 1781 to Nathan Allen of Johnston County N. C. £0.S7.d0 [?]³ Specie supposed to be bounty.

Book C. 13, Page 96 £2,210 Currency equal to £2.S5.do Specie.

N. Allen Book 177 Vol. 5 Entry 405. £17.S0.d0.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Office this October 26, 1854

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptroller

[Note: This file contains no explanation for the discrepancy in the dates of death of the veteran as stated by the widow and the affiant.]