

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Archibald Allen R102

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I, Archibald Allen, do testify and say that I was born in Westmoreland county in the State of Virginia and removed when an infant into the county of Faquar [sic: Fauquier] – and that I shall be ninety years old on the seventh day of February next. I removed to the state of Maryland, Washington County, in the fall after the capture of Lord Cornwallis's Army [19 Oct 1781]. I resided in Maryland four years, and then removed to the county of Nelson in the State of Kentucky. I lived in Kentucky about eighteen or nineteen years, and then removed to the state of Indiana, where I continued till the year eighteen hundred and twenty eight, when I removed to the State of Illinois, where I now reside in the county of Putnam.

In [illegible word] the year 1780, I belonged to what was called the tenth class of Militia of said Faquar county and said tenth class of Militia was called into the service of the then colonies [sic], in the Revolutionary War with Great Britian. I procured a substitute to serve in my stead, and he served for me in the said army of the United States for the space of two months. In the year seventeen hundred and eighty one said tenth class of Militia was again called into the service of the United States, and I, as one of said tenth class joined said Army. The company in which I served was commanded by Captain Charles Shelton [sic: Charles Chilton]. The Regiment or battalion to which I belonged was commanded by Colonel Elias Edmonds. I marched with the company from Faquar Court House, to below Richmond where we joined the main Army then commanded by Gen. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and Gen. La Fayette. The troops were reviewed there, and soon after the army marched into Albermale [sic: Albemarle] County, in which county the army was joined by a reinforcement under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne, who joined Lafayette on 10 Jun 1781]. The Army then marched through Richmond, in pursuit of the British Army, and when within about ten miles of Williamsburg, as I was told, I was discharged, and returned home to the county of Faquar, being two months and seven day from the time I left home, till I returned. It being what was termed a two months tour. As near as I can remember I was just two months in the Army, and that I was seven days in returning home after my discharge from the Army. I received no written discharge when I left the army.

I know of no man, now living, who knew that I served in the army, and by whom I can prove that I rendered the service above stated. I never have applied, nor have I ever received a pension from the Government of the United States, nor have I ever received any payment or compensation for the services rendered by me in the army as above stated. When I left the army to return home, I was place by Capt. Shelton as a guard over a waggon. A team which had been pressed into the service of the army, and which was about to return, and did return, near to my place of residence, and in which Capt. Shelton had a chest. And I have never seen Capt. Shelton since.

[signed 5 Nov 1840] Archibald allen