

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Allen R105

Bedith Allen

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this the 10th day of November 1846 personally appeared before me James Hinnant one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County, Bedeth Allen a resident of Said County of Johnston aged 80 years who being duly Sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the aforesaid Acts:

That she is the widow of the Thomas Allen deceased who as she has reason to believe and does believe he served in the United States in the War of the Revolution about three years as a Lieutenant:

That she has often heard him tell about the War and about his being under the Command of Captain Steadman. That she has no papers in her possession in relation to the service of her deceased husband. That she was married to the said Thomas Allen some time in the year 1790 and that the said Thomas Allen died on the 3rd day of March 1833, and that her maiden name was Bedeth Killingsworth, and she further insists upon the War Department to allow her of the Pension that was due her husband up to the 3rd of March 1833, and that she further declares that the reason she has not heretofore made application for said Pension is that she was informed that if she was not married previous to the close of the War, she was not be entitled to said Pension. And she further sayeth that she has not intermarried but yet remains the widow of the aforesaid Thomas Allen deceased.

Sworn & subscribed to before me.

S/ Bedeth Allen, X her mark

S/ James Hinnant, JP

[Marriage bond dated 9th April 1793 given by Thomas Allen and Bryant Adams in regard to the marriage of Thomas Allen to Bedeth Smith.]

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Allen 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Stedman's Company of the 5th Regiment, entered the service on the ___ day of ___ 1777 for the term of ___.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of March 1848.

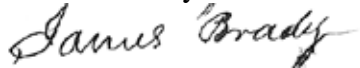
S/ Wm Hill, Secy of State

State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On this night 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 that he knew Thomas Allen well, he lived and died in Johnston County where we both lived when we were not in service he was in Ensign in the year 1777 and a Lieutenant in Captain Stedman's Company and I was in Captain Colman's company both of the 5th Regiment I know the husband of Bedeth Allen is the same Thomas Allen who served in Captain Stedman's company as we were together of before we served in the services and after having rehearsed over since the War our troubles and Sufferings he lived and died in a few miles of me.

S/ James Brady¹



Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ W. Bradley, JP

State of North Carolina, Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clark, Comptroller of Public Counts 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, to wit:

Thomas Allen

Book F	page 40	£32 specie Thomas Allen Ensign April 1777
“ E	“ 50	£24 S19.D4 specie Thomas Allen Lieutenant July 1778
“ A1	“ 90	£491 S11 D5 specie Thomas Allen Lieutenant Pay and subsistence to 1 st September 1780 and interest to 1 st of August 1783, allowed on final settlement year 1783.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of Office this seventh day of November A.D. 1853.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

Compt. Office

Raleigh, NC

I William F. Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the records of this office show that the following Specie Certificates were issued in favor of Thomas Allen for Military Service (Viz.) one for Nine pounds (£9) See Book No. 13 page 57 also another for one pound six shillings (£1.6) See Same Book page 56. Also another for Eight pounds, twelve shillings (£8.12) See Book A, No. 11 page 23. Also another for twenty seven pounds, sixteen shillings and one pence (£27.16.1) See Book ? No. 17 page 39. Also another Fort fifty six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence (£56.17.6) See Book No. 176 page 10. This last payment his Mark in the Column for Militia Service given under my hand and Seal this 17th day of March A.D. 1848.

S/ Wm J. Collins, Compt.

State of North Carolina, Johnston County

¹ [James Brady S8090](#)

On the 14th day of November 1847 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County Elijah Lassiter, a Pensioner of the United States, and after being duly sworn, says that he was well acquainted with Thomas Allen and knows Allen was a Soldier & Lieutenant in the Revolutionary war and says I am acquainted and knew Thomas Allin married Bedith Killingsworth and that she has remained a widow ever since his death.

S/ Elijah Lassiter, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ A. Coats, JP

State of North Carolina, Johnston County

On the 10th day of November 1847 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County James Stevenson a pensioner of the United States and made Oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Thomas Allen Deceased late of this County and knows that he (Allen) served in the Revolutionary war as a Lieutenant some two or three months, and he was afterwards reputed and known to be a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and he knows that he married Bedith Killingsworth who (as he is informed is now applying for the pension that was due her husband &c) and that she has remained a widow ever since his death. S/ James

Stevenson, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ A Coast, JP

[Another marriage bond, this one dated 10th day of September 1790, for the marriage of Thomas Allen to Bedeth Killingsworth.]

State of North Carolina County of Johnson [sic, Johnston]

On this 28th day of September 1849, personally appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Mrs. Bedith Allen, a resident of said County aged 83 years, and widow of Thomas Allen deceased, who being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say, that she has no papers in her possession showing the exact period of her husband's services in the war of the Revolution and that she can only reiterate what she stated in her Declaration to obtain a pension made by her in November 1846, that she has reason to believe, and does believe that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Allen served in the War of the Revolution about three years. That she always understood from him that he was under the command of Captain Steadman; and that prior to making her said Declaration she had had no search made of the Records at Raleigh for the purpose of finding evidence of her deceased husband's service; nor does she know of any person having made such search. She is therefore unable to "set forth specifically the period of the commencement and duration of each tour of service with the names of the Commissioned and Field Officers under whom" her husband served, as required by the Commissioner of Pensions. She knows that he served, and the Certificates from the Comptroller and Secretary of State of North Carolina prove that fact, and she therefore asks that such pension as she is entitled to may be granted her.

In presence of

S/ James Hinnant, JP

S/ Bedith Allen, X her mark