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Pension Application of John Allen R12048

VA

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[A note in the federal file states that the papers of three different soldiers named John Allen have been intermingled. I have not attempted to sort them out. The reader should consult the following other pension applications: John Allen X878 and John Allen VA12.]

[The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains documents that are illegible in the online images.]

I do hereby empower Capt. Christopher Roane to gitt my warrant for the land that may be Due me for my service as Capt. in the State Regiment of Artillery. Jno. Allen

I hereby certify that Capt. John Allen of the State Artillery was ordered to Hoods in May 1780 with a detachment of the artificers belonging to that reg't under his command, to carry on the building barracks, magazean &c. at that post, & to command what few soldiers might be sent there, 'till a superior officer was ordered to take command; and that although Maj. Cocke was afterwards appointed to the command, Capt. Allen was still continued there to command the artificers while I remained in office .

Richmond Feby 7 1782

George Muter

[former Lt. Col. of the Virginia State Artillery Regiment]

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Miscellaneous Chronological Legislative Petitions]

To the Honble the Speaker & Gentlemen of the house of Delegates. The petition of John Allen humbly sheweth that your Petitioner was appointed a captain of the State artillery and commissioned by Governour Jefferson on the 16th day of April in the year 1780. that some time after he was appointed Superintendent at Hoods fort [on James River just downriver from Flowerdew Hundred Plantation, E of mouth of Flowerdew Hundred Creek, Prince George County; later Fort Powhatan] where he remained in the execution of his duty untill the destruction of that Fort or untill he was ordered away, that upon settling his accounts with the Auditors he has received warrants to the amount of one hundred and twenty nine pounds, directed to be paid out of no particular fund, by which means the Treasurer is not justified in paying your petitioner either the principal or interest of the said Warrants, whereby he is deprived of the benefits, provided by your honbl'e house, for the services of the officers of the State line, and in as much as your Petitioner is remediless but thro' the interposition of your honb'l. body, he begs leave to submit to your consideration whether it is not just that the Auditors of publick accounts should be directed to reaudit his accts and grant him such warrants as are granted to other officers of the State line and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray

June 10th 1784 Ref'd to prop[osition]s/ reasonable

[The following are from the federal pension file.]

In the house of Delegates

June 16th 1784

Resolved that the petition of John Allen praying that the warrants granted him by the Auditors for pay and depreciation as a capt. in the state artillery may be cancelled by them, and that they issue the like certificates as those granted the officers of the state line is reasonable.

1784 June 17th Agreed to by the Senate

Will Drew

Test Buckley C.H.D

[The following two items are from certified copies:]

Phil: Southall CB.A

I do certify that John Allen serv'd three years as a officer in the state artillery.

Christopher Roane [pension application X635]

I do hereby empower capt. Christopher Roane to gitt my warrants for the land that may be due me for my service as capt. in the state regiment of artillery. Jno. Allen

State of Virginia, James City County To wit

This day Benjamin Walls of aforesaid County, appeared before me, a Justice for the aforesaid County, and made oath that he is eighty-Two years of age and that he knew Capt John Allen of James City To be an Officer, in the State Artillery, during the revolutionary War, and the said Capt Allen left five sons by his first wife (named as follows, Julius, Archer, & Wm. Allen) and the other Two by his last wife, Isham & John Allen. Two daughters by his 1st wife Elazabeth & Mary Allen The Two last named sons moved to the State of Kentucky the former Elazabeth Allen married Edmund Bacon of aforesaid county, the present administrator of John Allen is Wm S. Bacon, whose mother was Elazabeth Allen. tho Mr Walls is an old man, his mind is perfectly sound and of good retaining memory and is yet a resident of the aforesaid County, as given under my hand this 22nd of Jany. 1848.

State of Virginia New Kent County to Wit

This day Dandridge Martin personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he is Eighty some years old that he was well acquainted with Capt John Allen of James City County during the Revolutionary War, and knows that he was in Command at York Town during the Siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] of that place as a Capt of State Artilery.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of April 1847.

John G Crump JP

Mr Martin is a man of sound mind, and of Truth

J. G. Crump J.P.

The affidavit of Dandridge Martin taken at New Kent Court House Virginia the 9th day of June 1847. The affiant being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of allmighty God states that he is a native of New Kent County Virginia, The year of his burth he does not recolect not knowing the year in which he was born, that when a very small boy, a little bit of a thing he was at York Town in Virginia during the Revolutionary war. he saw a man called called John Allen mustering men as an officer, but does not know what office he held he was an artilery man.

The affiant was asked if he could at this time state the name or rank of any other officer than the above named John Allen, to which he answered, he does not recollect the name of any other That he saw said Allen but twice, and has not seen him since. depontant of his own personal knowledge does not know where he was from. deponent further adds that he was called uppon some short time since by a person who calls himself Savage Bacon, (whom he had never seen before) to state if he knew John Allen an officer artilery in the Revolutionary army, and haveing answered he did see such a person at York Town Va. he the said Bacon then brought him to New Kent Court House and caused his affidavit to be taken before the undersigned John G Crump a justice of the peace for said county

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[On 9 June 1847 Abner Mitchell deposed that for as long as he has known Martin he "has been a very disapated man and much addicted to Intemperance, and for many years back an inmate of the poor house of [New Kent] County." One Edmund Richardson deposed similarly.]