

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Allen R126

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State of Kentucky, County of Perry

On this 11th day of May 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being the Court of the Circuit of said County and a Court of record being so made by the authority of the state aforesaid and a Court of unlimited jurisdiction Joshua Allen a resident in said County aged 88 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 – that he the said Joshua Allen, enlisted to serve during the whole war on the __ day of July 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Sharp, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Pasley [sic, John Paisley], who was commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps until the close of the war, when he was discharged from the service in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except North Carolina, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. He is extremely ignorant and lives in the most mountainous part of the State where there are but few who know they are entitled to a pension from Government, notwithstanding their service in the Continental Army; that it has not been very long since he has ascertained that he was entitled to a pension and that after he did so ascertain his claims on his Country for its assistance, he knew of no one in his County who could direct him, in what way he should proceed to inform the Government of his claim to their munificence-- that he is quite infirm and unable to travel any distance, which prevented his going to another County to procure some person qualified to do his business for him in making this application.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the 18th of March 1818; nor [sic] that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. "He owns about 12 acres of Land worth about \$40, some three or four Hogs worth \$3, one Gun worth \$10, three cows worth \$20, that this is all the property owned

by him.[”] He states that he follows the occupation of a Farmer, that he is very infirm and scarcely able to work at any occupation whatever; that his family consists only of himself and his aged and infirm Companion Mary Allen, his children having all left home. S/ Joshua Allen

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in his property or – that, in that year he had only one Cow worth \$6 & his bedding & clothes.

Elijah Combs states that he is well acquainted with old Joshua Allen and believes him to be a man of truth and integrity, & believes his foregoing statement to be true; he knows said Allen to be needy & very old & infirm may 11th, 1826

S/ Elijah Combs, JP

[The court found the value of the scheduled property to be \$73.]