

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Champion Allin (Allen) R129

Lucy Allen

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State of North Carolina Granville County: SS

On this 7th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Bullock, Richard Ferdinand [?] and Robert Taylor the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid now sitting, Champion Allen, a resident of said County & State, who was born in the same on the 30th day of January 1763 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War under the following named officers and served as herein set forth. –

That in the month of August or early in the month of September A.D. 1780 he was drafted and formed one of a Company of Infantry that was raised in the County of Granville, whose term of service was three months. The company was commanded by Captain Gilliam and Isham Harrison was Lieutenant. We were organized at Harrisburg and marched to Hillsborough to join the balance of our detachment. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Mebane and Major Sharpe and the whole detachment placed under the command of General Butler [John Butler] – from Hillsboro we marched to Bells Mills in Randolph County where we remained about a week in were then marched through the Dutch Settlement to Salisbury. The Regiment was placed under the command of Colonel Moore, but whether this took place at Bell's Mills or at Salisbury he cannot recollect. From Salisbury, we marched by Phifer's Mill, Charlotte to Six Mile Creek where we were stationed for some [time]. The most of the duty that I was required to perform while at this station was to search out and provide provender & provisions for the Army. I think, but am not certain, that I left home early in September and upon the expiration of my tour, my company was marched to Salisbury and discharged – I had a written discharge but it is lost or destroyed.

The next tour was as a volunteer for three months in a company of Infantry raised in Granville County in the summer of 1781 after the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. Our company was commanded by Captain Nathaniel Waller. His Lieutenant I cannot remember. From Granville we were marched to Hillsboro to join the detachment, and the whole was placed under the command of General Butler. I have forgotten who was the Colonel, but our Major was a Mr. Sharpe. From Hillsboro we were marched to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River, thence leaving Cross Creek to the East, we went to Rockfish where we joined the troops under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. I will next route was to the Raft Swamp, the Brown Marsh, and in our service here traversed the greater part of the country on the West

side of the Cape fear [River]. We were afterwards sent up the River and crossed it at Cross Creek and descended that River on the East side to Blufords Bridge where the Enemy consisting of British & Tories had assembled in considerable force. They were stationed on the South Side of the Bridge, our force was on the North of it and immediately opposite to them. Here both parties were collecting all the force that each could command, preparatory to a Battle which was expected soon to take place. Thus situated and actively engaged in preparations for a bloody and decisive engagement, news was received that the British Army under Cornwallis had been captured & had surrendered [October 19, 1781] to General Washington at Yorktown. This news determined the force opposed to us, forth with to retreat; and burning and destroying the Bridge, they effected their retreat in safety to Wilmington. Pursuit was impossible without the aid of the Bridge, and they were suffered without interruption to disperse. Under the assurance that the enemy would soon cease to offer resistance and the completely disbanded our officers kept our troops in service but a few days after the receipt of this Joyful news. The term for which I had engaged was within a few days of being completed and before I reached home was fully completed. I received a written discharge but that also has been lost or destroyed.

I entertain hopes that I shall be able to prove this service by John Harris who was a Brother Soldier in both tours of duty. But I am without money to enable me to procure his attendance from the County of Chatham and he is in circumstances not much better than myself. It is possible that the testimony I may be able to procure from Allen Howard, James Terry Senior and Arthur Fuller may prove the first tour – my neighbor William H Searcey was a Captain on duty in the second Tour. The Reverend James Weathers will probably say something favorable to my claim. But I am a man illiterate and of so little note, that soldiers who served in the same detachment with me have no recollection of me.

The first question required to be answered by the Instructions of the War Department I have before answered. The Register of my age is in the family Prayer Book of my father now in my possession. I was born & raised, have ever lived and continued to reside within a half mile of the same spot in Granville County except about two years when I was quite a young man, I lived in Virginia. I entered the service of course from that County – & have stated that my first Tour was by Draft and the last as a volunteer. The names of such of the officers under whom I served as far as I can recollect them I have stated – and the duty I was required to perform has also been stated – I have stated that my Discharges have been lost or destroyed. The Persons whose names I have mentioned perhaps some others will be willing to testify as to my character for veracity.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Champion Allin



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State of North Carolina Granville County: SS

I Arthur Fuller of said County do swear that I have known Champion Allen whose declaration is hereto for at least sixty years having been raised & always lived in the same neighborhood, I believe him to be upwards of seventy years old. That he is believed & reputed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolutionary War about the time that I got home from the service after taking the Forts at Augusta in Georgia I saw the said Allen in regimental close which he said he had drawn in the service. I suppose he was then on a

visit to his friends on Furlough but the time is so long I cannot be positive as to that. I have never doubted but that he was in the service but at this late day it is impossible to state all the circumstances which produced that opinion.

S/ Arthur Fuller,¹ X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 4th of April 1833

S/ James Wyche, JP

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I John Champion of Rockingham County in the State of North Carolina do swear that I was born & raised in the County of Granville aforesaid & lived there until about 36 years ago when I moved. During the revolutionary war I lived very near to Champion Allen's whose declaration is hereto annexed & who is my cousin. Before the Battle of Guilford Old Court House he was drafted as a private for a three months Tour in the militia service & marched away with the other militia but I am not positive that I saw him in the service. I know that he was gone about three months in the service as was universally believed in the neighborhood.

Sometime after the Battle of Guilford Old Court house he was drafted again for another three months Tour & was gone as before & universally believed to have served a three months Tour. I never doubted myself but that he served two full tours of three months each in the militia & know that such has been the universal opinion in the neighborhood.

S/ John Champion, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th April 1833

S/ Jas. Wyche, JP

[p 7: On April 7, 1845 in Granville County North Carolina, Lucy Allen, 80, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Champion Allen late of Granville County; that she was married to him January 4, 1785; that her husband died in the month of August 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: copy of a marriage bond dated December 27, 1784 issued in Granville County North Carolina to Champion Allen and John Champion as bondsmen conditioned upon the marriage of Champion Allen and Lucy Roberts.]

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Raleigh North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I, William F. Collins, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of Change in Allen appears of record in this Office as having had issued a Specie Certificate in his favor for Military Service for Seven Pounds Two Shillings (£7.2) See Book No. 11 page 67. It also appears that the name of C. Allen had the following certificates issued in his favor (viz.) one for Three Pounds (£3) See Book G. No. 18 and another for One Pound Two Shillings (£1.2) See Book G. No. 18 page 64. Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of June A.D. 1845

S/ Wm F. Collins, Comptroller

¹ [Arthur Fuller S9337](#)