

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Allin (Allen) R135

Polly Allin

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State of Indiana Harrison County: SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1843 personally appeared before me the undersigned Probate Judge of the County and State aforesaid of the Probate Court the same being a court of record Polly Allen aged eighty-two years as near as she can state, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of John Allen who was a private in the Army of the Revolution. That he served three tours of three months each in the militia and entered said service as near as she can state in the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Burton and Regiment commanded by Colonel Ash [perhaps John Ashe]: she further states by reason of age and infirmity she cannot state the names of the officers he served during the other two tours, and although she has often heard her said husband recount his said services she cannot now for the reason above stated give many of the particulars of said service. One tour he served as a substitute for John Harlin, the other two for himself; the first tour was before her marriage with John Allen. The other two afterwards. She states that his last tour expired a short time before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], and that his services were principally rendered on the frontiers against the Indians (Cherokees) and Tories. She further states that she was married to the said John Allen, as near as she can state in the year 1778, in the month of October. She has no record of her age nor of her marriage. She further states that her husband the aforesaid John Allen died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832, and that she has remained his widow ever since, and she further states that she has no documentary evidence of the aforesaid service of said John Allen and refers to the accompanying affidavits of John Smith, John Johnson and Hezekiah Allen, and Lucretia Foot [Foote], as proof of the facts herein before stated, and she further states that her said husband, at the time of his death was of the age 73 years.

S/ Polly Allin, X her mark

Test:

S/ C. D. Murrery, Probate Judge

[p 12: On February 2, 1843 in Harrison County Indiana, John Johnston gave testimony that he was acquainted with John Allen late of said County; that John Allen died about the year 1832 leaving a widow Polly who is still living and who is about 82 years old; that John and Polly Allen intermarried prior to the year 1794 to wit in the year 1779 in Caswell County North

Carolina; that they continued to live as man and wife until John Allen died; that John and Polly Allen removed from North Carolina to Indiana in about the year 1813; "that said John Allen was a soldier of the revolutionary war and served as follows to wit in the summer of 1778 he entered the United States service as a private in the state of North Carolina in the town of Hillsborough and they was marched to South Carolina under Captain Buster a Regiment commanded by Colonel Ash the said John Allen was in the frontiers fighting the Cherokees Indian the most the time he was engaged in the War [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> and Tories; he had very frequent skirmishing the said John Johnston saith though said John Allen served 3 tours 3 months each 2 for himself and for John Harbin the general the said John Allen served under was Gates and Green and the Captain and Colonel that he served under the two last tours was not recollected the said Johnston would further state his knowledge has been derived from the said Allen and the neighbors in the neighborhood where he left when he started to join the Army and has never heard it disputed by no person that knew him and has been always recognized as such and said deponent sayeth further not."

S/ John Johnson

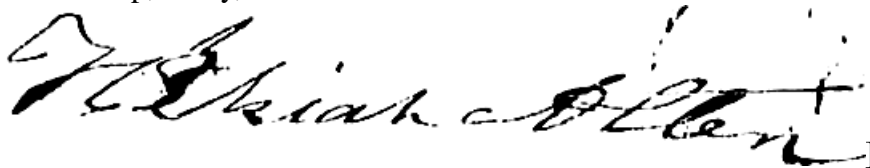


[p 16: On February 2, 1843 in Harrison County Indiana, John Smith gave an affidavit almost word for word identical to that given by John Johnson above.



[p 20: On February 7, 1843 in Harrison County Indiana, Lucretia Foote gave an affidavit almost word for word identical to that given by John Johnson and John Smith above. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 23: On February 4, 1843 in Harrison County Indiana, Hezekiah Allen gave an affidavit almost identical to that given by John Johnson, John Smith and Lucretia Foote as set forth above. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.



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Raleigh North Carolina Comptroller Office

I William F Collins Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the name of John Allen appears of record in this office as having had the following specie Certificates issued in his favor for Military service, to wit

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<sup>1</sup> Brother

One for Nineteen Pounds Ten shillings £19.10

See Book No. 10, page 40. Another in Same Book for Thirteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings (£13.19). Another for Nineteen Pounds Four Shillings (£19.4) See Book A. No. 11 page 33. Another for Eleven Pounds Four Shillings (£11.4) See Book L No. 2 page 24. Another for Seven Pounds Ten Shillings (£7.10) See Book No. 4 page 16. Another in Book No. 5 page 21 for Thirty Pounds Nine shillings (£30.9) and another in Book No. 6 page 8 for Four pounds Nine Shillings and Eight pence (£4.9.8). Given under my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1845

S/ Wm J. Collins, Comptroller

[p 6: power of attorney filed in Harrison County Indiana dated March 25, 1854 executed by Nancy Wright, widow of Francis Wright in which she states she is the daughter of Polly Allen. She signed the power of attorney with her mark.]