

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Allen R138

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State of Kentucky }

Rockcastle County ): SS:

On this 29<sup>th</sup> of March Eighteen hundred and fifty personally appeared before me Calvin Snodgrass a Justice of the peace of Rockcastle County and State aforesaid Drucilla Parker a resident of said County aged Sixty eight years in November last who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> Eighteen hundred and thirty two granting pensions to certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war and any other acts which make provision for her that She is the Daughter of Richard Allen Deceased who was an officer in the Army of the Revolution and of Elizabeth Allen Deceased whose maiden name was Donoho [or Donaho] and that her Father as she has always been informed Entered the Service in Cumberland County State of Virginia about the commencement of the Revolutionary war and Served as Capt she thinks under Col Meakins Major Gains [possibly Daniel Gaines] and Day about four or five years and that the Remainder of his time he was Col of the Malitia Regiment and and Served in that capacity till the close of the said Revolutionary war that a portion of his time she thinks he was a Recruiting officer during his first tour as she often heard her said Father speaking of Coming home on recruiting expeditions and that she has often heard her said Father Richard Allen speak of being in the Battles of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] and Camden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and various other Battles now not Recollected and that her said mother Elizabeth Allen Died in Cumberland County State of Virginia Some time in the year 1790 seventeen hundred and ninety and her said Father Richard Allen Died the last of June Eighteen hundred and forty four in Cumberland County Virginia and that her said Father Richard Allen was married to her said mother Elizabeth Allen before they came to the United States as she has always been informed by them and the Reason her Father never applied for a pension he was a Strange kind of a man and always said he had a good living without making any pore mouth and if his children should ever need it they could apply as well as him and that some years since she employed an agent a Mr. Traber of Frankford Kentucky to obtain what was due my said Father at his death for his Revolutionary Services and he since Informed me I couldnt obtain any thing but being informed by others I could obtain what was due my said Father I have filed these statement, and she further Declars her said Father Richard has none other children now living that she is the onlay surviveing heir of her said Father Richard Allen deceased and for the proof of her Statement, she Refers to the proof annexed and accompanying this declaration and she Respectfully refers to the Rolls of the war Department at Washington and at Richmond Virginia

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State of Kentucky } SS:

Rockcastle County }

On this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March Eighteen hundred and fifty before me Calvin Snodgrass a Justice of the peace of Rockcastle County in the State of Kentucky aforesaid personally appeared Obed Ramsey a resident of said County age seventy-seven after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement. To wit. That he was born in Cumberland County State of Virginia & lived near the residence of Richard Allen the Father of Drucilla Parker the within applicant for a pension. That the said Richard Allen was reputed and unanimously believed in his neighbourhood to have been a Captain in the army of the revolution for the first four or five years of said war. the remainder of his time he was a Col of a

Malitia Regiment in the State of Virginia. that he served a portion of his time as a recruiting officer as he has saw his return home during the said war & recruit of Enlist soldiers That his Father Thos Ramsey [Thomas Ramsey, pension application S35604] served a portion of his time under Col Allen That he saw them when they returned home from the service & has heard his Father & the said Richard Allen relating many circumstances that transpired during the time they were in the servis together. That he recolects of hearing his Father say that he once came verry near shooting the said Col Allen. That he was placed out one night as centinal and the said Col Allen sliped up to him & aimed to get his gun thinking he was asleep. but he was not & came verry near shooting the said Allen before he gave the watch word That his Father the said Thos Ramsey obtained a pension many years since in Garrard Co Kentucky & drew up to the date of his death six or seven years. that he has heard the said Allen speak of being in many battles Battles of Eutaw Springs surrender of Cornwallis & others not recolected That Elizabeth Allen wife of the said Richard Allen & Mother of the within declarnant died in Cumberland County State of Virginia some time in the year seventeen hundred and ninety (1790) That the said Richard Allen was never married after her death and That he died in the said County of Cumberland on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year Eighteen hundred and forty four (1844) that he was present & saw him died That he went there to arange some unsettled business between them having heard the said Allen was verry low. and wish to have it aranged before his death That he recolects the date of his death from his age that he recolects that he was telling his age there that he was then 71 years old That he knows the said Drucilla Parker to be the daughter of the said Richard Allen deceased That she is about sixty eight or nine years of age & that she is the only child of the said Richard Allen now living Obed hisXmark Ramsey

State of Virginia }

County of Halifax } SS

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1852 personally appeared David Allen aged 85 years who being duly Sworn in open Court according to law made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 granting pensions to persons who served during the revolutionary war He states that his Father Richard Allen was a Captain of Militia in the Revolutionary war & served as he has frequently heard his Father say and as he verily believes nine tours during said war amounting in the aggregate to two years and three months. That the said Capt Richard Allen resided in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia where he entered the united States Service, and for proof of the Services of the said Capt Richard Allen he refers the honorable department to the evidence herewith exhibited & to the declaration of Charles Allen [S16597] a son of the said Richard Allen and brother of this deponent filed about the year 1833 for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 the said Charles Allen as will be seen by his declaration served several tours under the Command of the said Richard Allen in the Revolutionary war the said Charles Allen is now dead so that his evidence cannot be taken again he also refers the Honorable department to the declaration of Jacob Anderson [pension application W2428] filed about the same time and for the same purpose, who as this deponent is informed was a private in the Company Commanded by the said Capt Richard Allen in the said war the said Jacob Anderson is also dead so that his evidence cannot now be taken He further states that his Father the said Richard Allen died in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia the precise time he cannot now state leaving no widow and leaving the following children then surviving (towit: David Allen (this deponent) Chas Allen Anderson Allen, Patsey Ramsay, Priscilla Parker, Simeon Allen, and that the said Charles Allen, Anderson Allen, Patsey Ramsey, Priscilla Parker & Simeon Allen have died since the death of the said Richard Allen leaving this deponent the now only surviving child of the said Richard Allen He further states that William Allen is the adm[inistrato]r of Charles Allen that Jackson Allen is the admr of Anderson Allen that Richard Allen is the admr of Simeon Allen But does not know whether the said Patsey Ramsey or Priscilla Parker have any personal representation That his father the said Richard Allen was fully advised

in his lifetime that he was entitled to and could have recovered a pension for his services but refused to make any application alledging that he was satisfied with the liberties of his Country and that he did not fight for a pension He further states that the said Capt Richard Allen served six tours in the regular Militia and that he volunteered three tours making the nine tours as before stated

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[On 12 Jan 1854 Daniel A. Wilson, 63, of Lynchburg VA, deposed that he had heard his great uncle, Richard Allen, speak with other veterans of in the Revolutionary War about his services.]