

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Allison R155

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State of North Carolina, Orange County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1845

On this the 30th day of May 1845 personally appeared before the Court David R Allison a resident of the aforesaid County & State aged __ years 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 on the 7th day of June 1832 for the benefit of revolutionary soldiers.

That he is a son of the late David Allison who as this declarant has reason to believe & does believe served the United States in the war of the Revolution as a private and Ensign, as herein after set forth.

1st This declarant has reason to believe and does believe that in the fall of the year 1778 there was a draft for militia man to serve the United States a five months tour of duty in the South & that the said David Allison was drafted for & did serve all of said tour as a private soldier in Captain Thompson's Company, as this declarant has understood that Lock [Francis Locke] was Colonel & Butler [John Butler] Brigadier General.

2nd The Declarant further states that he has reason to believe & does believe that in the year of 1780, there was a draft for three months militia to serve the United States in the said war of the Revolution, that the declarant's father did serve all of said tour in Captain Jameson's Company as Ensign thereof in the tour Farmer of Hillsboro was Colonel, this tour commenced as this declarant is informed on or about the first of July 1780 & terminated about the first of October following.

3rd. This declarant further states on his said oath that he has reason to believe & does believe that in the early part of the next year 1781 there was a draft for 3 months militia man and that this declarant's father did volunteer for all of said three months tour, in this tour this declarant's father was attached to the company commanded by Captain Thompson, Taylor [perhaps Colonel Joseph Taylor or Lieutenant Colonel John Taylor of Granville County] was Colonel, Butler Brigadier General and was in the battle at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and that this declarant's father the said David Allison did serve in the aforesaid tour as a private of Infantry. In evidence of this tour the declarant has procured the affidavit of William Allen which is hereto annexed.

4th. This declarant further states on his said oath that he has reason to believe & does believe that in the ensuing year there was a draft for militia man to serve a tour of three months in guarding the town of Hillsboro in the aforesaid County which he understood at that time contained prisoners & military stores in this tour this declarant's father the said David Allison served as Ensign that in this & the foregoing tours the declarant believes that he is deceased

father David Allison the aforesaid was in legally organize Court & called into the service by competent authority – that this declarant has caused inquiry to be made of the Comptroller of Public accounts at Raleigh to ascertain if there were any record evidence of the Revolutionary Service of said David Allison and has procured in due form from the Comptroller a Certificate setting forth the payments made to David Allison.

That said David Allison has a family record & that he was born on the 18th day of October 1763.

That he was living in the aforesaid County of Orange when he was called into service, that he was drafted & volunteered, that he served as a private & Ensign.

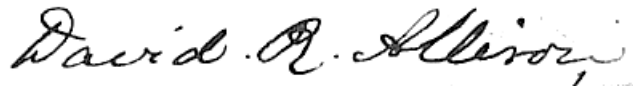
That he knew Colonel Locke, Colonel Thompson, General Butler, Colonel Taylor & Colonel Farmer, as to any discharges or Commissions this declarant does not know what has become of them.

The declarant further states that he heard his father in his life say that he believed he was entitled to a pension but that he never made application that he the said David Allison said he was able to live without a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ J Taylor, Clerk

S/ David R Allison



[p 7: Finding by the court of Orange County, inter alia, that David Allison died April 17, 1839 leaving no widow but the following children surviving: Joseph W, Jane, Mary, Sally, Grizzly, Catherine, James & the declarant David R Allison.]

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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 David Allison appears of Record in my office as having had issued to his favor the following specie Certificates for Military Services (viz.) one for Four Hundred Twenty-six pounds Twelve Shillings (£426.19). See book A. M. No 15 page 78 Another for Three pounds Ten Shillings (£3.10) Book No. 24 page 97

Given under my hand and seal this 17 day April 1845

S/ Wm F. Collins, Compt.

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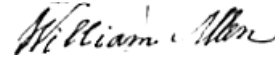
On the 21 day of May 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County William Allen, a resident of Hawfields in the aforesaid County, 81 years of age: who being first duly qualified according to law, deposeth & saith, That in the early part of the year 1781, there was a draft for 3 months militia man – when this deponent volunteered for said tour: In this tour this deponent was part of the tour in Captain Thomas Thompson's Company and part of the tour in Hodges' Company: Taylor was Colonel, Butler Brigadier General. This deponent served all of said three months tour and was duly discharged. This Deponent further states that he was well acquainted with David Allison of said County, and that said Allison was in said three months tour as a private of Infantry, in the same Company with this Deponent. This deponent remembers that said David Allison was in the

Guilford battle and in the line of battle was stationed close to this affiant, who well recollects that when the British Army approached the line of the North Carolina Militia, some officers came up a Lane in advance of their infantry, when said Allison addressed Captain Thompson, & said, "Captain I have my triggers sprung, shall I fire at one of the officers?" – Captain Thompson's answer was, wait till you receive orders.

And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above written before me
S/ Samuel N Tate, JP

S/ William Allen



[Note: see also [Thomas McCuistin S8885](#) This veteran says someone named David Allison acted as commissary.]