

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Allin S12923

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State of Kentucky, Mercer County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit court for the county of Mercer now sitting Thomas Allin a resident citizen of s<sup>d</sup> county and state aged 75 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. I Thomas Allin do hereby solemnly declare that my present age is 75 years and that I was born in the county of Hanover in the state of Virginia from which place at an early age my father removed to the county of Granville in the state of North Carolina where I resided when the war of the revolution commenced and I was called into the service of my county, which was as follows viz about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 I volunteered in Capt Jessee Saunders company of North Carolina militia in the Regiment commanded by Col Joseph Taylor for the purpose of suppressing the tories who had embodied themselves under a Col Mcdonald (his recruits were Highland Scotch as I was informed) we joined Genl Martin at Cross creek (now Fayetteville) and Governor Caswell who commanded another division of the militia having met with the tories at Moon Bridge below in and having departed them and their commander having fallen, we aided in guarding prisoners and having performed a tour of six weeks or two months I was honorably discharged.

Again early in the fall 1779 I was attached to Col Robert Burtons Regiment who had the command of the Provision department under a law of North Carolina, and I was appointed issuing commissary and Forage Master at Harrisburgh in Granville county where I again the next

fall (1780) performed the aforesaid duty for nine months at least. And Col Farmers Regiment having assembled at Hillsborough for the purpose of stopping the progress of Lord Cornwallis in his march through North & South Carolina I was attached to s<sup>d</sup> Farmers Regiment as issuing commissary and marched with s<sup>d</sup> Regiment until we joined Genl Davidson by whom I was appointed Brigade Forage Master, between Salisbury & Cataba [Catawba] River, and we continued our march to Cataba River, where we met the army of Lord Cornwallis, here Genl Davidson was killed and Col Farmer succeeded Genl Davidson we were pursued by Cornwallis across Dan River into Virginia. This was in the fall 1780 after the Battle of Camden and Genl Green [Greene] had the command of the southern army and in our retreat we fell in with Genl Greene at Guilford court house this was late in October or November 1780 and continued our retreat into the state of Virginia and I continued to act as Brigade Forage Master until February 1781, when my time being about to expire which was six months I then volunteered in a troop of Horse commanded by Capt William Thomas and we were attached to a Regiment of mounted men commanded by Col Malmady [or Malmedy<sup>1</sup>] a French officer when I was transferred into Capt Globachs [sic, Baron Glasbeech's<sup>2</sup>] company and again united with Green in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis and my company was sent on detachment south of Guilford court horse in order to intercept the Tories in their intercourse with Lord Cornwallis army at the time the Battle of Guilford was fought and we were within hearing of the Battle, and after the Battle of Guilford Genl Green sent my Regiment to Harass Cornwallis in his retreat, we overtook his troops at Ramseys Mill on Deep River when we took several prisoners and we continued to Harass Cornwallis army until he reached Wilmington in North Carolina and I was then discharged having performed two months tour in Capt Globach company of horse but I had scarcely got home when an alarm prevailed that Lord Cornwallis was again advancing toward Virginia and was about to cross the Roanoke. I again volunteered and rendezvoused under Col Burton at Williamsborough in Granville county to intercept Lord Cornwallis march but when we rendezvoused we were told that Cornwallis had already crossed the Roanoke and I was discharged and I was immediately sent by the Governor of North Carolina at the instance of Col Burton, as an express to Genl Greens army who I overtook the same day he laid siege to ninety six which was an or about the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1781. Soon after this I removed to Kentucky which was early in the fall of 1781 and after Genl Washington had laid siege to Cornwallis at York. I came to the county where I now reside (then Lincoln county) and again in August 1782 I volunteered under Col Benjamin Logan in Capt John Innes company, and was appointed commissary by Col Logan in order to relieve Bryants station but we only arrived in time to bury the dead after the Battle of the Blue Licks, Col Logan soon after marched with Genl Clarke on an expedition against the Indians on the Miami and I was appointed Quartermaster to his regiment

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<sup>1</sup> Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy) was an officer in the French cavalry who, upon coming to America in 1775, was brevetted as a major in the Continental Army on September 19, 1776. He rose to the rank of colonel and was at the Battles of Stono Ferry and Eutaw Springs, where he was in command of the North Carolina militia. Mark M. Boatner, III, *Encyclopedia of the American Revolution* (Mechanicsburg, Pa.: Stackpole Books, 3rd ed., 1994), 670-671

<sup>2</sup> Baron Glasbeech was brevetted a captain in the Continental Army March 9, 1781, "in consideration of his merit and services at the Battle of Cowpens" (Heitman, 250)

and performed this duty the whole campaign having destroyed several Indian towns on the big Miami In this service we were engaged in a tour of about three months of faithful and arduous services having thus performed about fifteen months services as Commissary Forage Master and about three months as Quarter Master, with Col Logan and upward of three months in Capt Saunders company and in the mounted troop of Capt Globach, besides one month as express, having acted as a staff officer aforesaid as I have stated. I further state that I have no documentary evidence of my age or services having long since lost or mislaid my discharges and commissions, and I do not know of any person alive by whom I can prove my services in North Carolina and Virginia except Grant Allin of Tennessee and my services in this country by Genl James Ray. I further relinquish all claim which I have to any other pension or annuity except the present and I am not now a pensioner of the united States or of any State, witness my hand this 11 day of October 1832.

S/ Tho. Allin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tho. Allin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Tho. Allin".

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[Jesse Head, a clergyman, Burich Magoffin, and Samuel Daviess give standard testimony to Allin's character. James Ray also gives testimony.]

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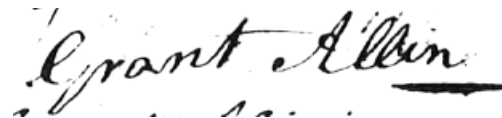
State of Tennessee, Smith County

This day personally appeared before me Alfred A Brevard an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Grant Allin a resident citizen of s<sup>d</sup> county and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath state as followeth. I Grant Allin do hereby declare that I have always been reported to be and do verily believe that I am the brother of Major Thomas Allin of Mercer County State of Kentucky. That early in the Revolutionary War I think it was in the latter part of the year 1775 or early in the year 1776 the said Thomas Allin marched against the Tories near Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) as a soldier in Captain Jesse Saunder's Company in Colo. Joseph Taylors Regiment of militia that he served his time out the precise length of the time I am not able to state but think it was about two months. Also that he served as a Forage master and issuing Commissary a considerable length of time at Harrisburg under Colo Robert Burton as I understand in Granville County I think it was during the fall or winter 1778 & spring 1779 but the length of time I am not able to state with precision. And again in Winter 1780 the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Allin acted a commissary for Colo Farmers Regiment until the Regiment joined Genl. Davidsons Brigade between Salisbury & the Cataba River which took place in Jan<sup>y</sup> 1781 when by General Davidson he was appointed forage master to the Brigade in which capacity he continued to act until Davidson was killed at Cataba and until the army had retreated with the army under Genl Green to Halifax County in Virginia of all this last named services with Farmer, Davidson &

Genl Green I was not with my brother until the army arrived at Halifax when I met him with Genl Greens army & by him I was informed of those services & do believe he informed me correctly. From this time my said brother & myself went into the service together as private soldiers in a volunteer company of Dragoons commanded by Capt William Thomas and continued serve with him until after the battle at Guilford Courthouse & a few days after that battle my s<sup>d</sup> brother & myself were transferred from Capt Thomas's Company to another like Company of horse commanded by Barron [Baron] DeGloback a Frenchman & our Regiment was commanded by Colo. Malmady also a Frenchman who continued to act in the vicinity of Cornwallaces army until some short time after his Lordship arrived at Wilmington when our time of service having expired we were discharged and further I know that in a very short time after our arrival at home in Granville County my said brother was dispatched ~~by the Governor of North Carolina then at Williamsborough in said County~~ with Expresses to General Green who my brother (on his return) informed me overtook at Ninety six on the same day that Genl Green laid siege to the British garrison in that place & further I have frequently heard my s<sup>d</sup> brother speak of being with Colo Logan at the big or [?] Blue Licks in Kentucky & assisting in burying the dead at that place who were killed by the Indians in a battle fought there. Also of his shortly after the blue lick defeat giving a campaign with Colo. Logan commanded by Genl Geo R Clark against the Indians Northwest of this river but in what year I am not inabled to say & I further state that I believe that my said brothers services in North Carolina as aforesaid were not less than thirteen months & an half and do believe that he discharged his duty in that service faithfully and to the entire satisfaction of his officers as far as I ever knew or heard.

Witness my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832

S/ Grant Allin



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[Later documents show that Thomas Allin died on June 26, 1833 in Mercer County, Kentucky. His wife, Mary, died two days later on June 28, 1833. They were survived by six sons: John J., Thomas, Charles W., Grant, Philip T., and Ben C. Allin.]

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Added by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental-line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Allen a Corporal in Captain Brickles Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 20th day of July 1778 for the term of 9 months.

Given under my hand this 14th day of October 1851  
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State<sup>3</sup>

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Allen a 2nd Lieut. in Captain Stedman's Company of the fifth Regiment, entered the service on the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1777 for the term of \_\_

Given under my hand this 14th day of October 1851  
S/ Wm Hill Secretary of State<sup>4</sup>

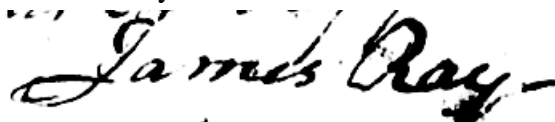
[fn p. 26: Note: the upper portion of this affidavit is illegibly faint but I have transcribed what I think I can discern as follows:]

State of Kentucky Mercer County

[7 lines of illegibly faint text] Thomas Allin marched with Colonel Benjamin Logan against the British and Indians to the [indecipherable word] blue licks and assisted in burying the dead at that place and had fallen in the battle fought there before Logan [one or more indecipherable words] Regiment arrived there, this battle was fought on the 19th day of August 1782 and further I know that the said Thomas Allin served as Quarter Master in Colonel Logans Regiment under the command of General George R Clark on the Expedition commanded by sd General Clark agt [against] the northern Indians on the great Miama [Miami River] in the fall of the same year 1782 on which expedition I myself commanded a company and in the same Regiment I believe the whole of the Services as aforesaid cannot have been less than about three months and I know that the said Thomas Allin acted as a faithful Staff Officer and discharged his duty to the satisfaction of his Officers as far as I ever heard as to the said Allins Services in North Carolina I know nothing of my own knowledge but have heard him speak of being with General Green at Guilford Courthouse and at the Siege of Ninety Six and such is my confidence in him as a man of truth that I have no doubt of the truth of his Statement.

Witness my hand this 24th day of December 1832

S/ James Ray<sup>5</sup>



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$427.91 2/3 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending June 26, 1833, the date of his death. He was pensioned for one month service as a private in the infantry, 2 months service as a private in the cavalry, 3 months service as a regimental quartermaster & 14 months service as Forage Master.]

<sup>3</sup> Will Graves does not believe this certificate relates to this veteran.

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<sup>5</sup> FPA S31314