Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Allen [Allin] S17819

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District: In the Common Pleas

On this seventeenth day of October – personally [appeared] in open Court before Richard Gant [sic, Richard Gantt] one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Charles Allen a resident of Laurens District South Carolina aged 68 years, who being 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 June 7th 1832, Viz.: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated. He entered the service as a volunteer in April 1781 under Captain Lewis Duval, Col. Casey [Levi Casey], Col. Hayes [Joseph Hayes] & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] marched through Newberry, Laurens, Granville, then in Craven County in the upper part of South Carolina & was at the siege of Ninety Six (No. 1—This tour lasted two months); After this was engaged in active service off & on and scouting parties under Captain Samuel Earle (No. 2) & Lieutenant & Captain Duval & other officers until the Spring of 1783, was then this banded after serving (No. 3) two years, but received no discharge.

He lived in Craven County now Laurens District South Carolina when he entered the Service -- & have lived here ever since. He has no documentary evidence: and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

I was born in Charlotte, Virginia in 1764.

I have no record of my age.

I was living in Craven County now Laurens District when I entered the service, where I have lived ever since the revolution & still live there.

I went into service & served as a volunteer.

I recollect the names of Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Washington [William Washington] & Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] regular officers – no more.

I never received a discharge.

Robert McNeese & Joseph Babb will testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior but know of no person can prove Services.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington

S/ Chas. Allen

Cher Allen

Clk, Laurens Dist.

[Robert McNeese and Joseph Babb, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amendment No. 2¹—This applicant volunteered under Captain Samuel Earle of South Carolina Militia in the Spring of 1782 and served a tour of four months, which expired in the month of September 1782.

The State of South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally came before me Charles Allen and made oath that the amendment No.1, 2 & 3 to his declaration for a pension to which this is attached are just and true and that he served as a soldier of the Revolution as therein stated.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 13th of November 1833. S/ Thos B. Lockhart

S/ Chas. Allen

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South Carolina, Laurens District

On this twenty seventh day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me W. D. Watts Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Lawrence District Charles Allen aged ninety-one years a resident of Laurens District in the State of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Charles Allen who served as a private in the Company commanded by Captain Lewis Duvall in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonels Pickens and Hays in the Revolutionary War __ day of __ AD __ for the term of (the exact time he cannot now remember) per the term of __ and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 14 days and was honorably discharged at __ on the __ day __ AD __ for which service he has been receiving a pension since the year A.D. 1836 as will fully appear from a copy of his pension certificate here with annexed No. 30926.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd, 1855. He also declares that he received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress, or made any other application.

Attest: S/W. D. Watts

S/ Charles Allen, X his mark

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$48.22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 14 days in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Charles Allin AA5 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 75

¹ Where is amendment No. 1? I did not find it in the file.

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

Mr. Charles Allen his account of Militia duty as private since the reducing of Charles town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency

£255.0.0

Sterling

£36.8.6 3/4

Received 14th June 1785 full satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 342, Book L by an Order

S/ Lewis Duvall

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I hereby certify that I have Sold [text too faint to discern] from the public of South Carolina together with the interest which said accounts is in the Auditory's [sic] Office unto Capt. Lewis Duvall as I have Received satisfaction for the same and I request the Treasurer to make out my Indent with the Interest for the use of said Duvall. Given under my hand this 26th of April 1785.

S/ Charles Allin

I do hereby Certify that Charles Allen duly [indecipherable word] his name before me S/Wm Milcherson, JP