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Pension Application of Richard Allen S1784

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State of Tennessee } SS October Session of the County Court 1832

Roane County }

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of pleas & quarter sessions for Roane County it being a Court of Record Richard Allen aged 77 a resident of the County & State aforesaid, who after being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he enlisted in the army of the united States in the year 1776 in Gooslin County Via [sic: Goochland County VA] under Capt John Fleming 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Peter 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Lewis Ensign David Anderson in the first Via Regiment commanded by Col. Patrick Henry attached to the Brigade Commanded by Gen [Andrew] Lewis. marched to WilliamsBurg Via from thence to Norfolk was in the Batle at Long Bridge. this was in 1777 [sic: see endnote] about whitch Col Henry was Elected Govenor of Virginia & Col. Eps took command of the regiment [sic: Francis Eppes, 18 Mar 1776], that he was in Norfolk when it was Burned by the Enemy [1 Jan 1776] and was in several Skirmishes with the Enemy from Norfolk who marched back to Williams Burg where applicants first enlistment expired whitch was for 12 months he was discharged by Capt Fleming from his first service (this discha[rge] he gave Gen Parsons, 14 or 15 years ago but don't know what he done with it) he received this discharge in the year [blank] he never quit the service but again enlisted for three years under the aforesaid officers in the aforesaid regiment, & in some short time was sent by Gen Lewis to Fort Chisel [sic: Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA] for a quantity sic: possibly of lead mined near the fort], & when he returned back to Williams Burg a part of the Troops had left there & gone to the north. his Company among the rest his company. he did not follow after them but was told by Gen Lewis to stay with him he done so & remained in his service about ten months when he was taken sick & obtained Leave of Gen Lewis to go home on Furlough. went to his Fathers in Gooslin County where he remained until he got well whitch was about 5 or 6 months when he received a Lieutents Commission from Govenor Jefferson 15 Feb 1781], in company called minute men (& that means did not join his old company again) he acted in the capacity of Lieutenant in sd company until the close of the revalutionary war was in several small engagements, and was at the siege of Litle York [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] when Lord Cornwallis was taken after whitch event he was discharged by Gen Washington whitch discharge is lost his Lieuts Commission is allso lost this was in October 1781 at that place he become acquainted with Gens Scott [see endnote] Greene Wayne & Lay Fayette [Generals John Green, Anthony Wayne, and Lafayette] Major Scott [probably Joseph Scott, Sr.] & Cpts Greene [probably John Green] and Gamble, he was Honorable discharged after having served 22 months as a regular soldier & the balance of his time as stated & doubts not but his name will be found on the rolls of those who Fought for their Countrys Freedom, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any

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NOTE: In most pension applications the battle at "Long Bridge" refers to the Battle of Great Bridge VA on 9 Dec 1775. Because Lt. Col. Francis Eppes was killed at the Battle of Long Island NY on 27 Aug 1776, however, Allen may have meant that battle. The only Gen. Scott I could find was Charles Scott, but he was a prisoner on parole at the time of the Siege of Yorktown.