

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Allin S2343

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky, Pulaski County Sct.

On this 19 day of November 1832 personally appeared before the County Court holden for said County of Pulaski Samuel Allen Sen'r, a resident of said County of Pulaski and State of Kentucky, aged seventy six, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he served during the Revolutionary War, between the United States & Great Britain, as herein below stated

1<sup>st</sup> he Volunteered in the County of Bedford in the state of Virginia as a mounted Volunteer Militia, furnishing his own Horse, Rifle Gun, &c. in the spring or summer of the year, but the year he cannot state, but well recollects, that it was in the same year that the big frost fell which was on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, and was of the same year he Volunteered, that he Volunteered as afores'd. to perform a tour of duty of six months at Bedford Courthouse [now New London in Campbell County] in s'd state of Virginia under Cap'n. Davis Grissom, and to the best of his now recollection his Colo. named Jefferson, the Troops to which he belonged marched from Bedford Courthouse to Hillsborough in the state of North Carolina, from thence to Guilford [sic: Guilford] Courthouse marching to the border of the state of South Carolina, and performing many other trips or Tours, were frequently visited during the Tour by Officers of the Regular Army of the united states but being very young at the time, cannot at this time give their names. was Discharged after serving out said tour of duty in Orange County in the state of North Carolina, by my sd Capt. Davis Grissom, but which said Discharge I have lost or mislaid, not having seen it for many years afterward time not recollected, the said Samuel Allin, as also the said Capt. Davis Grissom, removed from Bedford County Virginia to the State of North Carolina, and settled in Orange County of that state (North Carolina) that he the said Samuel Allin Volunteered to perform a second Tour of duty as a mounted Volunteer Militia, of nine months Tour, Equipping himself as in the 1<sup>st</sup>. Tour, with Horse Rifle Gun, &c. under & in the Company of the said Capt. Davis Grissom, then of Orange Cty North Carolina, turned out at Hillsborough in said state of North Carolina as a militia man, but was repeatedly during this tour of duty engaged in scouting parties after the Tories, and escorting Forage Waggons. that he states he cannot recollect the name of the Regiment, nor the Officers Composing it, nor neither can state the day month or year he volunteered to perform said 2<sup>d</sup>. tour of duty. marched from Hillsborough, was at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] under the Command of Gen'l. [John] Butler, afterward the Troops to which he belonged marched to the Catawba River at a little Town called [illegible] Gen'ls. Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] & Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] of the Regular Army, march from thence to the high Hills of Santee, in the state of South Carolina, in view of the British Army, but not being able to cross over, the Troops of the American Army to which I belonged was marched back, and crossed above the mouth of Santee River, over to Thompsons Fort [probably Belleville, the fortified home of Gen. William Thomson], where the enemy lay, but they had left there before our men or Army reach'd that place. from thence pursued the British on foot, drawing at that place Thompsons fort three days provisions. Persued the Enemy to the Heutau Springs [sic] at which place the American Army came up with the British Army and put them to flight after a very severe Battle [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], taking many prisoners. after that Battle the Army was marched Back to Thompsons Fort. while there my said Tour of duty of nine months expired But was not Discharged, as it was said then lest the men might scatter and be taken &c by the Tories, but rec'd. a written Discharge afterwards from my Capt. in Orange Cty North Carolina, the County & place of my residence.

Afterwards to the best of his the said Samuel Allin's recollection, in the said County of Orange in the state of North Carolina, he thinks in the month of July in the year 1782 [sic] at Staggs Old field, being the place of mustering of the Company to which he belonged in said County of Orange, he volunteered to perform a tour of duty of eighteen months. whether correct in the time as above stated or not, it was at the time Corn Wallace had possession with his Army of Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina [sic: Cornwallis, spring 1781]. he turned out as a volunteer under Capt. Davis Grissom, again which is his 3<sup>d</sup>. last Tour. a footman [i.e. infantryman] belonging to what was called the North Carolina Militia but before the march or before the Company afs'd Capt. Grissoms rendizvoused, Corn Wallis, with his army evacuated Hillsborough and marched his Army to little york, where he surrendered to the American Army [19 Oct 1781] under the Command of Gen'l. George Washington, but of this tour of Duty he states that before the Company marched to which he belonged his mother was taken Dangerously Ill or sick, and the family consisting only of her, himself & a negro girl, he was Compelled to furnish a Substitute (towit) Robert Childress to perform said last named Tour, and had to promise to him said Childress the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds in specie to take his said Allin's place, and performed said tour of duty for him, for which he said Samuel Allin afterwards on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1783 executed his promissary note and for greater certainty refers to said note at this time without his name, it being torn off upon payment being made on the same Discharged, rather than to leave his mother in her sickness &c. said note referred to and accompanying this Declaration is marked A [not found] and the said Sam'l. Allin states it was agreed upon between himself said Samuel Allin & his substitute Robert Childress for the sum aforesaid he said Childress was to perform said tour of duty in his said Allins stead & place and to furnish him said Allin with the Discharge which he said Childress did so – and which said Discharge the said Samuel Allin states he has lost or mislaid long since. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid Samuel hisXmark Allin