

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Allan (Allen) S2487

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

Virginia. towit.

On this seventh day of September 1818 before me Dabney Carr one of the Chancellors for the state aforesaid appeared Moses Allen, aged sixty four years, resident in the County of Shenandoah, & State afores'd. who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision, made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land & naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war" That he the s'd Allen enlisted at Fauquier Courthouse, in the s'd state, in April 1776, in the company commanded by Captain John Chilton, of the third Virginia Regim't on Continental establishment; that the term of his enlistment was two years – that shortly before the expiration of s'd term, he enlisted for three years, in the same company; but then, commanded by Capt'n Blackwell; his former captain having fallen at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – that having served one year of the three, he enlisted for the war, in the same company – that he continued constantly in the service, till he was taken prisoner at Charleston, in South Carolina, in the year 1780 [12 May] – that he remained in the hands of the British a little more than thirteen months when he was exchanged; & received a furlough of forty days to visit his family – that from the hardships he had suffered in the service, his health was so broken & destroyed, as to render him wholly unable to rejoin the army – that in consequence of this, he applied to Gen'l Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] (who happened to be on a visit in his neighbourhood) & on producing the Gen'l the certificate of a physician that he was unable to perform service, received from him a discharge – which discharge the s'd Allen sent to Richmond in order to draw his pay; from whence it has never been returned to him. That he was in the battles of Brandywine, German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & the Seige of Charleston. & that he is in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance, of his country for support. also that he has not now in his power any other evidence of his s'd services than that herewith transmitted

I do hereby Certify that Moses Allen of Fauq'r. County Virg'a. march from the Northerd in time of the revolutionary War under the Command of General Woodford and Joined our troops on the six or seventh day of April Seventeen Hundred and Eighty, in Charlestown South Carrolina and was at that place taken Prisoner and was kept there as Prisoner for thirteen months by the British given under my hand this 4th day of June 1818 [signed] Wm Jett [see endnote]

Virginia Fauquier County 25th August 1818

I do certify that Moses Allen inlisted as a Soldier in Capt. John Chiltons Company of the third Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the army of the Revolution in the Spring of the year 1776 to serve two years, he served in the said company untill the Battle of Brandywine where Capt. Chilton was killed. the command of the Company devolved on me and he served out the term of his inlistment faithfully, and reinlisted by me and served in my Company untill the Siege of Charles Town in South Carolina in the year 1780 at which place we were both made prisoners. part of his service was in the capacity of a Corporal and part as Serjeant. he was an orderly good Soldier, and deserves the notice of the American Government. Give under my hand the day and date above John Blackwell a Capt of the 3^d. Virgi'a Reg't. on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution.

Virginia Shenandoah County to wit.

On this 12th day of Sept 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County, Moses Allen aged 66 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows that he enlisted for the term of 2 years on the [blank] day of April 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt John Shelton (he being killed John Blackwell commanded in his place) in the Regiment commanded by Col Messer [sic: Hugh Mercer] in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental Establishment that he continued to served in said Corps untill the [blank] day of Dec in the year 1777, when I enlisted again for the term of three years in the same company then commanded by Col. Wm. Heath [sic: William Heth] that he continued to serve in said Corps for one year when I enlisted for during the war in the same company I continued to serve in said Corps six years and five months when I was discharged from the said service at home in the state of Virginia on account of bad health (being on Furlough) and that his original declaration is dated the seventh day of Sept. one thousand eight hundred and eighteen that the number of his pension Certificate is 7183. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

1 old black man, 4 horses, 3 milch Cows & 2 calves 6 young Cattle, 14 head of Sheep, 13 head of hogs 3 chests, 2 tables, 1 old desk, 8 chairs, 2 pewter dishes 5 basons 4 good plates 6 indifferent plates, 6 earthen plates 1 set of tea ware 4 spoons shovel and tongs 2 flat Irons, 1 pepper mill 1 coffee pot 5 glass bottles, 1 decanter, 1 pitcher, 1 looking glass 4 pots, 3 old Ovens, 5 water vessels, 1 loom, 1 old watch 1 old waggon and 3 pair gears 1 harrow, 1 bankear plow 2 shovel ploughs, 3 old hoes, 2 axes 1 mattock, 1 cutting box and knife, 1 old wheat fan, 1 pari Steelyards, 1 frying pan, 2 old grain tubs 1 lantern 1 sett candle moulds 1 big wheel, little wheel & 1 check reel 3 milk Crocks Moses Allan
My Occupation is a farmer not able to work on account of old age. My family consists of my wife aged 63 years very infirm & 1 free black girl living with me aged 12 years who contribute but little to my support.

Tennessee } October Term of the Circuit Court
Wilson County } A.D. 1829

Be it remembered that on the 2nd day of Novr. in the of our Lord 1829, in said Term of our Circuit Court, Moses Allen a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War, exhibited in open Court the following Schedule & petition (viz

"Schedule

District of West Tennessee SS.

On this second day of November 1829, personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of record and the Circuit Court of Wilson County, Moses Allen, aged seventy five years, a resident of Wilson County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

That he enlisted under Capt. John Chilton of the third Virginia Regiment in April 1776 for two years, and fought in the great battle of Brandywine where his Captain fell, and 1st Lieutenant John Blackwell assumed the command of the Company; He was also in the action at Germantown; after having served about eighteen months of the time of his first enlistment, he enlisted again for the further term of three years, then again having served something like twelve months or more of the time of his second enlistment, he reenlisted under Capt Blackwell for and during the war. He served in the Revolutionary

War, without intermission (except the time he was a prisoner) from April 1776 to March 1782 – and during the time of his service, besides the Battles above mentioned, he was in the Battle at Monmouth Courthouse, and at the seige of Charlestown, where he was taken a prisoner; during a part of the time whilst he was a prisoner, he was confined in a prison ship, and the balance of the time Compelled to work on a fort which was built by the enemy on a small Island in Charlestown Bay which was under water in high tide – Sometime in 1781 he was exchanged as a prisoner and took shipping for Virginia. In March 1782 he had become so much afflicted, diseased and worn down by his services for his Country, and his health so much impaired during his imprisonment that upon an examination of the Physicians with their certificate and report of his being unfit for longer service, he was discharged by Brigadier Genl. Muhlinberg – his discharge which was dated 7th march 1782 as well as he now recollects was sent by him to Richmond, to lay before the Auditor of accounts, was never returned to him.

At the time he enlisted, the third Virginia Regiment was commanded by Col. [William] Woodford and by Col. John Neville at the time of his discharge.

He is the same Moses Allen who has heretofore received a pension for about eighteen months, which he drew at Richmond Virginia, commencing the seventh day of September 1818 – and that his pension certificate is numbered 7183.

He was orderly, or 1st Sergeant during three years or more of the latter part of his service.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever, or property of any discription, other than my wearing apparel and bedding, a negro woman & child, 2 head of horses, 8 head of Cattle, 14 head of hogs, 12 head of sheep, some household and kitchen furniture, (viz) one bureau, one cupboard, half dozen chairs, 4 pots, 2 skillets, one small oven, one chest, two pewter dishes, & half dozen plates – half dozen knives & forks, & half dozen cups & saucers & one coffee pot, a few farming tools, one mans saddle, 3 bells & one bee stand.

My family consists of myself & wife, and the negro woman and child above mentioned. I have no land to cultivate, but a few acres which belongs to my son, consisting of twenty acres or thereabouts My son is poor and has a large family to support, and is not able to help me but little and do justice to his own family. I am a farmer by occupation and am now too old and infirm to make a support by labour, my negro woman is not sufficient to make a support for my family, and my wife being very sickly, it takes up much of the time of my negro woman to wait on us.

He hopes his needy situation will authorize him to be placed on the pension roll

(signed) Moses Allan

NOTES:

A William Jett of Fauquier County applied for a pension (\$16885), but his application does not mention serving at the siege of Charleston.

A 22 Sep 1828 under the act of 15 May 1828 was signed “Moses Allan.” On 17 Sep 1838 he applied for a new pension certificate to replace one lost by his son Archibald Allan on the road between Lebanon and Nashville. On this document he signed his name “Moses Allen,” and his son signed a supporting affidavit “Archibald Allan.”

On 19 Nov 1843 in Davidson County TN Moses Allen, Jn’r. had power of attorney to obtain benefits for the service of his father, who died on 22 Aug 1843 leaving no widow but the following children: Elizabeth Wood, Nancy Hancock, Mary Atwood, and Archibald Allen, administrator of the estate.