

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Allen S2900

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State of Tennessee, Williamson County

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1832 before the Hon. Thomas Stuart Judge of the fourth judicial circuit for the State of Tennessee now setting for the county of Williamson, Charles Allen a resident of the county aforesaid aged Seventy-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he served two campaigns during the revolutionary war. The first of which he entered the service as a volunteer in November 1779 under the following officers: Captain Charles Allen, his father, Lieut. John Hopkins, Ensign \_\_\_ Richardson in the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton, and Major \_\_\_ Clinch and attached to the brigade commanded by Gen. Ash [John Ashe]. When he was called into the service he resided in the State of North Carolina, Warren County. He joined the main army at Elizabethtown on Cape Fear River under General Ashe. He then marched with the army down the country within ten miles of Charleston, South Carolina. Then marched up the River Savannah opposite to Augusta which at that time was in the possession of the British and lay there two or three weeks. We then crossed the river and marched to Briar Creek at which place General Ashe and his army were defeated [March 3, 1779]. We then recrossed the Savannah River and marched down it to Purrysburg and there remained until March 1780 at which time we were discharged, making a period of five months that he served this campaign. He received a discharge from Col. Eaton which has been lost or destroyed. He does not recollect any officers of the Continental or Regular line [or] the number of any regiment or companies that he served with in the campaign except Genl. Ashe, & Gen. Elbert [Samuel Elbert] of Georgia.

He volunteered and entered in to the service of the United States a second time in the month of October in the year 1780 under the following officers: Capt John White, Lieutenant William Christmas, Ensign \_\_\_ and in the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton attached to General Butler's [John Butler's] Brigade. He was engaged for some months in collecting and procuring cattle and provisions for the army and then immediately repaired to Guilford Courthouse and remained there until after the battle [March 15, 1781] and was discharged some time in March or April following in 1781, making a term of service about 6 or 7 months. He recollects that at the battle of Guilford he served with Generals Butler & Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Col Henry Dickson [sic, Henry "Hal" Dixon]. He did not recollect any other officers nor the number of the regiments and companies with which he served during this campaign. He also received a discharge for this campaign but it is lost or destroyed. When he entered this

service this campaign he also lived in Warren County North Carolina and resided there after the Revolution till 1819 at which time he moved to Tennessee and has since resided in Williamson County.

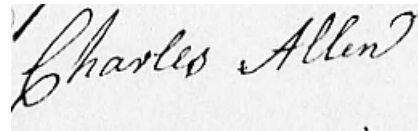
He was born in Virginia in Culpepper County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1758 as appears from a record of his age in his possession copied from a book of his father's.

He knows of no persons who can prove his services. Having lost his discharge he has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove this.

The only battles in which he was engaged were the battle in which Gen Ashe got defeated at Briar Creek and the battle at Guilford Courthouse which are above related.

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 State whatever.

S/ Charles Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Allen". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Preston Hay, Clerk &c.

[Robert Davis, a clergyman, and Edward Swanson and James Armstrong gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Williamson County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Charles Allen who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for eleven months I served as a private volunteer into campaigns as mentioned in his said declaration which this is intended to amend & for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Charles Allen

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1833

S/ John Allison, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]