

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Allbritton (Albritton) S31517

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State of Georgia, Franklin County

On this third day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid, now sitting, for ordinary purposes, John Allbritton, a resident of Captain Vaughan's district in the County & State aforesaid aged about Eighty five years, who being first 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz., That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1774 or about that time, as a volunteer in the militia in the State of Virginia as a private in Captain George's Company, but immediately under the command of Lieutenant Francis Underwood, in Colonel Charles Scott's Regiment & marched to Williamsburg in search of Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia], & remained in service four weeks. From thence he removed to Union District in the State of South Carolina, where [he] volunteered in Captain Joshua Palmer's Company & served afterwards in Captain Hughes's Company & served at different times in Colonel Brannon's [sic, Thomas Brandon's] Regiment for three years or more, & was at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], where General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] commanded – during the above three years service he was marched to Augusta in the State of Georgia, & also Bacon's Bridge, soon after the Battle at the Cowpens he was taken Prisoner by the British and retained by them six months or more, soon after he was released from them peace was made, he never received any discharge.

To the Interrogatories of the Court he answers as follows, to wit:

1. He was born in Newcastle Hanover County in the State of Virginia, December of the 6th 1747
2. He has a record of his age, which is here to the Court shown
3. He lived in Goochland County in the State of Virginia, from thence he moved to the State of South Carolina, & remained there till the war closed, & from there he removed to the County of Elbert in the State of Georgia, from thence to Franklin County in the said State of Georgia, where he has resided ever since
4. He volunteered
5. General Morgan was at the Battle of the Cowpens, does not recollect any other officers except those mentioned in the above declaration
6. He never received any discharge that he recollects
7. He is known to William Glover & Dozier Thornton a preacher of the Gospel who can testify to his veracity &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thos King, CIC

S/ John Allbritton



[Dozier Thornton, a clergyman and William Glover gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia, County of Franklin

Personally appeared before the Inferior Court now sitting for ordinary purposes John Albritton [sic] who being sworn according to law on oath makes the following addition an amendment to his declaration hereto annexed, viz.: That he served in 1774 one month under Captain George in the Regiment commanded by Charles Scott in Virginia.

In 1779 he entered Captain Pelmore [sic, Palmer's] Company in Union District South Carolina in Colonel Thomas Brannon's [sic, Thomas Brandon's] Regiment, & was marched to Augusta & remained opposite to Augusta on the Carolina side of the river upwards of two months & was then marched to Bacon's Bridge about 20 miles above Charleston and was stationed there about one month from thence was marched back to Union District and was marched to Rowan County North Carolina near Charlotte C. H. & remained there six weeks & returned home, & served in the last Tour eight months.

In January 1781 he again entered the service at Union aforesaid under Captain Palmer in Col. Brandon's Regiment & was marched to the Cowpens & was put under the command of General Morgan and was in the battle of the Cowpens & was sent to guard prisoners after the battle to a place called Gilbert or Guilford in North Carolina & after delivering the prisoners, he was taken a prisoner by the Tories under Captain Lee, and was detained until August 1781, and made his escape from them at Dorchester South Carolina & returned home after being out eight months. Declarant further saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state precisely the dates & times he served, but is certain he served three years as a private soldier, in Corps ordered out regularly & by Competent authority, and no part of that time in a civil capacity, & was in the field or in Garrison the whole time above stated.

Declarant knows of no person now in life by whom he could prove that he served, and has no documentary evidence of his service, but has attached to his original Declaration certificates of the general belief in his neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the sixth day of May 1833.

S/ Thos. King, C.C.C.

S/ John Allbritton

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State of South Carolina Union district

Personally appeared before me Jesse Palmer an Acting Justice of the Peace for said District Joshua Pelmore [sic] who being sworn according to law on his oath saith that he is well acquainted with John Allbritton of Franklin County Georgia who applies herewith for a pension. That he believes him to be about Eighty-five years of Age, and to have served as he states. That Deponent was a Captain in the State of South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War and that said Allbritton was in actual service in Deponent's Company at different times for Several months according to the best of Deponent's recollection.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 10th day of December 1833.

S/ Jeffrey Palmer, JP

S/ Joshua Palmer¹

1 [Joshua Palmer S21912](#) 2

Joseph Palmer

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died December 19, 1836.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months & 12 days service as a private in the South Carolina service.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to John Allbritten AA6
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 73

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The State of South Carolina

To John Albritain Dr.

To 25 Days Duty as Horseman from the 3 rd to the 27 th February 1779 Inclusive per Pay Bill of Captain Palmer & Certified by Colonel Brandon @ 20/	£25
To 44 Days Duty as do from the 24 th of March to the 6 th May 1779 Inclusive per pay Bill of do & Cert. per do @20/	44
To 262 Days Duty as Horseman from the 7 th May 1782 25 th June 1781 per pay Bill of Captain Jolley [Benjamin Jolley] Certified per Colonel Thomas Brandon	262
To 31 Days duty as foot from the 1 st June to the 1 st July 1782 Inclusive per pay Bill of Captain Joseph Hughes Certified per do	15.10
	<u>£346.10.0</u>
	Stg [Sterling] £49.10.0

Rec'd 7 April 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No 2334 X p. Order
S/ Jas. Woodson

Jas Woodson

[p 5] I impower Mr. James Woodson to Draw my indent and to give Receipts for the Same.

Witness my hand
15th February 1786

Test.

S/ Thos. Brandon,³ JP

S/ John Allbritten

Thos Brandon

John Allbritten

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/>.

³ I believe this to be Col. Thomas Brandon