

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Allison S32090

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State of Indiana Marion County: SS

On this the third day of April in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the judges of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting John Allisson [sic] a resident of said County and State aged sixty-nine 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in Rockbridge County Virginia about three miles from the natural bridge on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1765 according to the record of his birth kept by his father in a family Bible now in his possession.

That when he entered the service of the United States as is hereinafter stated he resided in Washington County North Carolina near Jonesborough now in Tennessee that he removed from his last named residence in the fall of the year 1783 to the Town of Lexington in Fayette County Kentucky in which town he resided a few months and afterwards in said County last named till the spring of the year 1793 when he again removed to Bourbon County in said State where he resided (although the place where he lived in the meantime became a part of Nicholas County at the organization thereof) until in the month of October in the year 1821 when he removed to the County of Marion in the State of Indiana where he ever since hath and still doth reside.

That he entered said service as a volunteer under Colonel John Sevier and Captain James Gibson to whose Company he belonged as a private – that said Company were called Rangers – that he believes the term for which said Company volunteered was twelve months though day, and he with them continued in service for a period of not less than eighteen months during which period he continued in the service as a member of said Company in the capacity of a private.

Owing to advanced age he cannot state from recollection the precise time at which he entered said service. These events though which he has subsequently passed have contributed to erase dates from his recollection he having served on the several Campaigns of Clark [probably a reference to George Rogers Clark], Todd, St. Clair [probably Arthur Sinclair who conducted a campaign against the Indians in 1791] & Scott, and that of St. Clair as an Officer of militia. He can state from recollection that he entered the service late in the year before the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7 1780], he believes a few days before or after Christmas and was discharged a short time after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781].

That shortly after he entered the service Colonel Campbell [William Campbell] assumed the Command as superior Officer to Colonel Sevier and he always understood him to be a regular officer. He presumes and believes there may have been occasionally other regular officers with the Corps to which he belonged but cannot state their names, and there was another

Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Tipton which occasion he acted in concert with the Regiment to which this deponent belonged.

He was not personally present at any battle during the war of the Revolution although portion of the Regiment to which he belonged were at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], at the battle of Kings Mountain and at a skirmish at Ramsour's Mills [June 20, 1780] and at a battle with the Indians hereinafter alluded to on each of which occasions it was his misfortune to be detached on other duty.

That soon after he entered the service a part of the Regiment to which he belonged was marched into Virginia upon one of the branches of Holston River and remained there for a short time and returned to Jonesborough, This expedition was commanded by Colonel Campbell and this declarant marched upon the expedition and remained and returned there with crossing the branches of Holston one of them called Wyatoga or Watauga [Watauga?]. He marched again during his said service on an expedition across the Nolichucky River towards French Broad River under Captain Hubbard to whose Command and an Ensign & small Corps were detached for the occasion with Captain Gibson's Company.

On one occasion when he did not march a portion of the Regiment to which he belonged were he believes on duty in South Carolina near the Santee Swamps.

He recollects of frequent excursions made by portions of the Regiment to which he belonged particularly one against the Cherokee Indians upon which occasion there was a battle with the Indians who were defeated, but he remained on each of these occasions according to the orders of his officers at Jonesborough on duty there. Colonel Sevier he thinks commanded this last named expedition & he believes the said Captain Hubbard who he thinks had in the meantime been promoted was his second in command. During the most of said term of service when this declarant was not on active duty or marching he was stationed at Jonesborough.

He has no documentary evidence in his possession to prove said service although when he was discharged he received a written discharge signed by Colonel Sevier which was long since lost and destroyed, nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove the same. He was discharged at Jonesborough.

He is acquainted with Elijah Reagan a clergyman residing in his present neighborhood and with Robert Paterson, Daniel Smith and numerous other persons who can testify as to his character for veracity, his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution and their belief of his services as such.

He cannot state from his own recollection positively by what authority said Regiment to which he belonged was raised but believes ~~it to have been~~ such authority emanated from the State of Virginia and is quite confident that the commissions of the Officers of said Regiment of which his father Charles Allisson [Charles Allison] was one, were signed by Patrick Henry Governor of Virginia. At the time when he entered the service of his said father Charles Allison was a subaltern officer (a Lieutenant to the best of his recollection) in the company to which this deponent belonged, but soon afterwards he went into South Carolina on military duty under command of Marion [presumably Francis Marion] and as he understood was absent a part of the time discharging his duty as a member of the legislature of North Carolina.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Allison



[Elijah Reagan, a clergyman, Robert Paterson and John W Riding gave the standard supporting

affidavit.]

State of Indiana Marion County SS

Be it remembered that on the 22 day of September 1834 before the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County personally appeared John Allison the declarant making the declaration hereto annexed who being sworn by & before me upon oath saith that it is quite probable & upon reflection [paper damaged and text missing] leaves that at the time [indecipherable word] the Company to which he belonged first entered the service the period for which they entered was three months, and he presumes that from advanced age this circumstance escaped his recollection at the time of making his declaration hereto annexed & that he then rationally presumed that he had entered at first for the full term during which he actually served. He is however quite certain that he continued in the service for the period named in his Declaration annexed, and that if, as he believes, the facts to be, he only entered the service at the first for the term of three months he voluntarily continued therein for the period named in his deposition hereto annexed in accordance with the request of his Officers & the exigencies of the times.

S/ John Allison

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]