

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Allen S36399

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United States of America

Kentucky Warren County

I Charles Allen of the said county & state being one of the United States of America, do hereby state, that I enlisted as a private soldier with Captain Thomas Walker of the Ninth Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment, in Albemarle County State of Virginia in February or March 1776 for the term of two years, that I was detached in the year 1777 under Captain William Henderson who Commanded a Company in Col Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Regiment or detachment, in which service I continued until the term expired for which I enlisted, in the year 1788 [sic] – that I was regularly discharged and delivered up my arms to Henry Henley Quarter Master to the Rifle detachment commanded by Colo Morgan in February 1788, which receipt I now have – that on my return to Virginia being afflicted with a severe spell of sickness, and having no home, was taken care of by Turner Patteson of Louisa County, and not being able to remunerate him for his trouble & expence, he was advised to apply to the Legislature of Virginia for remuneration and my discharge accompanied that Petition. That I have ever since been a citizen of the said United States and have never been engaged in any contest against her. That I am in indigent circumstances and so reduced in property as to need the assistance of my country for support – and the provision made by the act of the last Session of the Congress of the United States, providing for the support of the indigent officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war – that I faithfully served the United States in the Revolutionary War from the time of my enlistment until the time of my discharge as before stated. And I do hereby relinquish all pensions heretofore granted to me by the laws of the United States. May 30th 1818

Charles Allen

[The following is barely legible:]

Rec'd of Chas Allen one Rifle gun Shot pouch and powder ho[rn] [illegible word] to ye Company of Henderson Henry Henly Qt. Master February 7 1778 detachment comm. by

[The first several lines of the following are faded beyond legibility.]

...Charles Allen aged about seventy years resident in said county who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows – Two years in Colo. Morgans Rifle regiment, and in the Company of Captain William Henderson, and received a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month – which pension certificate is numbered 12,276. 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, to wit.

One horse beast worth forty dollars

Three Cows do Twenty dolls.

One plough & geer do Two do

Three peices carting do Three do

One Axe do fifty cents making in the whole sixty five dollars 50 cents. I do also swear that I am

by Occupation [illegible], that through old age and infirmity I am [several illegible words] to pursue that occupation... [The rest is illegible except for the name of his wife, Ursula Allen, and the date 8 Mar 1821.]

NOTE: In the file is a petition addressed to the Pension Office signed by 29 of Charles Allen's neighbors stating that he is a farmer, and that he and his wife are the only two in his family,