

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Allen S37655

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[14 Apr 1818] The declaration of William Allen of Caroline county – state of Virginia made on oath before the court of said county – said Allen being sworn declares that he enlisted & joined the northern army under Capt. Stevens in Colo. Campbells regim't. about the year 1777 or '78 – that he served thirteen months in said regim't. against the common enemy of the country and was in the battle at Monmouth courthouse [28 Jun 1778] – that at the expiration of said thirteen months he was discharged & returned home – shortly after geting home in the year 1780 as well as he recollects he again enlisted & joined the southern army in Capt. Barlys [sic: Capt.-Lt. Thomas Barbee's] company under Colo. [Samuel] Hawes & was in Colo. Hawes's regim't. under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] 'till the close of the war when he was discharged at a place call'd the round O [Round O, SC] near Charleston – for which last services he has never received pay nor has he ever received a pension. He further declares that he is now old & infirm & in very indigent circumstances. He further declares that he was regularly discharged which discharge he has mislaid or lost. William

hisXmark Allen

I David Stern [pension application W25145] of the county of Caroline & state of Virginia do hereby certify that William Allen of said county & state who has made the annexed declaration enlisted in the southern army in the year 1780 and served with me nine months or more in the first detachment of eighteen months men in said army. Given under my hand this 13th of April 1818. [signed] David Stern

District of Virginia, Caroline County – sct.

On this fourteenth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, for the county aforesaid William Allen aged abt. sixty four 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: in the Northern Army under Col. [blank] tenth Virginia Regiment as stated in his declaration of [blank] day of [blank] 18 on which he received a pension certificate No. 6831 that he was at the Battle of Monmouth and at Sandy point near Philadelphia afterward served in Southern Army under Gen'l. Green Col. Hawes was at Battle Cambden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] – 96 [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] & Guilford Courthouse [NC, 15 Mar 1781] And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. No property but a Shoat of about twenty weight. No family except a wash woman. Applicant very infirm and of no particular occupation

Wm. hisXmark Allen

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Wm Allen/ age 22/ height 5 10½/ farmer/ born and residing in Caroline County/ brown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months. Enlisting on the same day was the following: Thomas

Allen/ 18/ 5' 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" / farmer/ brown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion. David Stern is also shown as having enlisted on the same date.

The file contains a letter dated 14 Aug 1834 from a Wilson Allen of Bowling Green VA to the Pension Commissioner inquiring on behalf of a Mrs. Reynolds "whether there was anything due her father Wm. Allen – revolut'y. Pensioner of this county who died she thinks about six years ago. She represents herself as in great poverty & says she has been informed that her father had not drawn the half year's pension due about the time of his death." A follow-up dated 6 Oct 1834 adds the following: "The witness who deposed as to his death cou'd only say he died in the month of November – the day was therefore left blank. The Agent at Richmond had difficulty what to do in the case & promis'd to ask your directions. We have been waiting some days for a reply & in the meantime the poor woman walks every day or two from 6 to 7 miles & back to make enquiries. She seems to be a decent woman but miserably poor & says she has 5 or 6 children."