

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Allen S37661

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State of Alabama (towit)

Madison County Court Octr 20th 1823. This day came Robert Allen a resident of Madison County Alabama, An applicant for a pension under the acts of Congress and now about seventy five years of age Came personally into open Court (the said Court being a Court of Record and proceeding according to the Course of the Common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount and keeping a regular record of its proceedings & from the Judgment of which Court a writ of Error lies to the Circuit & Supreme Courts) and being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of the 18th of March 1818, the 1st of May 1820 & the 1st of March 1823. That he the said Robert Allen enlisted for the term of one year on the month of August 1775 in the state of Virginia Amelia County in the Company commanded by Capt John Markham in the Regiment commanded by Col. Patrick Henry; & Wm Christee [sic: William Christian] Lieut. Colonel & Francis Epps [sic: Francis Eppes] as Major in the line of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he was soon after his enlistment promoted to the rank Sergeant & Served faithfully as such until the 27th of August 1776 as well as he now recollects where he was discharged honorably at Williamsburg Virginia by Capt [William] Campbell to whose command he had been transferred. That his discharge was destroyed by fire in his sons William Allens house when it was burnt, while in the Service aforesaid, he was detached from his regiment lying before Norfolk to burn some wind mills which were in the possession of the British & Some Tory houses which he affected compleatly – Was in the skirmish at the long bridge [Battle of Great Bridge VA, 9 Dec 1775] in which Capt. Fordyce was killed and most of his men and the balance of them captured. That he was on the 18th of November [sic: March] 1818 a resident Citizen of the United States & infact has been ever since the existence of the Government. And that on the said 18th of November he was destitute of property, that since that time he has had one horse which he obtained by marriage worth about seventy five dollars which he was compelled to part with to pay a debt and to procure a subsistance, something upwards of two years ago. That he has owned no property since, and did not part with him to entitle himself to a pension, but from necessity as he forestated. That he is now unable to labor from the infirmities of age and entirely destitute of the means of support & is entirely dependent on the charity of his descendants. That his children have all been of age many years & have families of their own to support. That he now applies for the aid of his Government from the extreme and urgent necessity of his situation having no other dependance for suport. Robert hisXmark Allen [William S. Allen deposed that he had frequently seen his father's discharge in his own house from 1820 until it burned.]