

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Allen S39147

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

I John Allen Sen'r of Madison County in the Alabama Territory depose, that I served as a private in the 2nd Virginia Regiment of the Continental establishment, under Colonel Charles Scott, Capt'n. William Fountain [sic: William Fontaine, company raised in Amelia County], Lieut John Marks as first, and Lieut Hughes Second Lieut from October the year before Independence was declared until the Regiment was broken up, which was some time in October the year after Independence was declared.

I was at the battle of Longbridge [Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775]; at the taking of Norfolk in Virginia [2 Jan 1776], I was also at the taking possession of Portsmouth, and performed many other services during my enlistment. I am at present unable to support myself either by manual labour, yearly income or any property whatsoever. I am now in the sixty fourth year of my age, and superannuated in body, mind and memory. I make this application for the benefit of the Act of Congress, giving relief to persons in my situation; and I solemnly swear that the foregoing is true. [signed] John Allen
Nov'r 6th 1818

In addition to the above, I received an honorable discharge which is lost or mislaid, so that I have no recollection of the same. [signed] John Allen

State of Alabama } County Court January Term 1821. On this 27th day of January 1821 personally
Madison County } appeared in open court this being a court of record for Madison County in said
state of Alabama, John Allen aged sixty six years on the tenth day of the month resident in Madison
County in said state who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served
in the revolutionary war as follows. viz) a private in Captain William Fountains Company in the second
regiment commanded by Charles Scott in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continal establishment
that he enlisted in October 1775 for the term of 12 months & served for the term of twelve months in said
company and was then Honorably discharged in Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the state of
Virginia from the said service that he was in the battle of long bridge and in the taking of Norfolk that he
has received a pension commencing the sixth day of November 1818 and his certificate is dated the 9th
August 1819 & numbered 14052 John Allen
Affidavit

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. John Allen

Schedule of the property & estate of John Allen. (To Wit) one small mare two cows two yearlings & one
calf no sheep some few hogs a small quantity of household & kitchen furniture such only as of
indispensible use no slaves no land he resides on land the property of a deceased son who has children,
he is by occupation a farmer & two old & feeble to pursue that occupation with success he has living
with him one son in his 20th year who acts for himself one daughter in her 18th year his wife about sixty
two years old & a small grand child parentless

NOTE: On 6 May 1825 in Davidson County TN Allen applied to have his pension transferred to
Tennessee, where he had recently moved.