

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Allen S41407

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State of North Carolina, Pasquotank County

On this sixth day of June 1821, personally appeared before the court of this County, being a court of record for the County aforesaid: Benjamin Allen, aged sixty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, & the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Benjamin Allen enlisted for the term of one year on or about the first of January in the year 1782, in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Lieutenant Abner Lamb of the first Regiment of the Continental establishment, and that he was at one time he believes under the command of Colonel Selby Harney, after which, the detachment to which he belonged was under the command of Colonel Hardy Murfree & by him ordered on to Halifax, where he received his discharge, (which he has lost) having served his tour of twelve months. The detachment to which this applicant belonged was in no general engagement, but was frequently employed in taking of deserters & Tories, a service fatiguing & hazardous. He further declares that he has the evidence of Nathaniel Gordon & Elkanah Benton, hereunto annexed, as to his services aforesaid. And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820: I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, nor in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled an act provide for certain persons in the land & naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, & 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 hereunto annexed, & by me subscribed.

### Schedule

One acre of land & 1 log house cost	\$45
1 old Horse worth \$20: one cow & calf \$10	35
4 hear of hogs=a 2	8
1 flock poultry= say 2 dozen=	3
1 lot furniture: say \$10	10
1 Hand mill---\$10	10
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His family consists of a wife, aged about 50 years, healthy & able to work; one daughter Fanny, aged 23, subject to fits, & not able to earn her subsistence: one son Willoughby, aged 22 years, able bodied: one other daughter Courtney, aged about 21 years, married, but has a child. One daughter Molly aged about 15: able bodied – one other daughter named Penelope, aged about 14: able bodied. One son named Benjamin, aged about 13, healthy & able bodied. One grandson named William, aged about three years. One granddaughter named Anna; supported by the aforesaid Benjamin Allen.

Sworn to in open court & signed by Benjamin Allen.

S/ Benjamin Allen, X his mark

State of North Carolina, Pasquotank County

Nathaniel Gordon & Elkanah Benton<sup>1</sup> do solemnly swear, that Benjamin Allen did serve in the service of the United States as is mentioned in the annexed certificate & engine Allen, doth Square solemnly, that he enlisted as aforesaid.

Sworn to in open court the year & date above mentioned. S/ Nath'l Gordon, X his mark

S/ Thomas Jordan      S/ Joel Sawyer

S/ Elkanah Benton, X his mark

S/ H. P. Overman

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 6, 18<sup>th</sup> 1821, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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1 [Elkanah Benton S41429](#)