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Pension Application of John Allen S4259

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The State of Ohio County of Clinton Ss. On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before George J Smith President Judge & Jesse Hughes Aaron Sewell and James Dakin Esquires his associates in office constituting the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting John Allen a resident of Richland Township in the said County of Clinton and State of Ohio aged 70 years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That on the 29th day of November 1779 this deponent resided in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia; that on the day last aforesaid he was enlisted for three years by one Benjamin Roberts Captain, whose Lieutenants were Joseph Sanders and William Roberts. On a former application [not in the file] this deponent stated that he had enlisted on Continental establishment and never knew the distinction until so informed from the war department, but he is now convinced that it was in the State line of Virginia. Shortly after said enlistment the said Roberts Company was completed and attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel George Slaughter [Maj. George Slaughter] and was by him marched from Culpepper Court House as follows. The greater part of said Regiment was marched to Redstone [Fort Redstone, near present Brownsville PA], and from thence to Pittsburg where they prepared boats as this deponent understood destined for the place where Louisville in Kentucky now stands and where there was then some troops and a few block Houses & Station. The residue of said regiment were dispatched from said Culpepper Court House on a different route by land for the express purpose of transporting some horses to the place of destination aforesaid. This deponent was with the latter. They went by way of Fort Chissell [sic: Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County Va] and crossed the Mountain at the Cumberland Gap and passed through the Crab Orchard, and from thence to the aforesaid point at the mouth of Beargrass now the City of Louisville, where the troops aforesaid which had been sent by water shortly afterward arived. The said Regiment then commenced building and completed what was afterwards called Fort Jefferson, at which place this deponent was stationed until sometime in August 1780 as well as he recollect. It was about the time the Brittish and Indians from the Piqua and Miami Towns had made an expedition into Kentucky against Ruddells [sic: Ruddle's], Bryants [sic: Bryan's Station at present Lexington KY] and Hinkens Stations [May and June 1780] when General George Rogers Clark, who was then commandant at Fort Jefferson, projected an expedition against said Brittish and Indians in which expedition this deponent in his company aforesaid marched under the command of said Clark. There were also two regiments of Militia in company commanded by Colonels William Lynn and Benjamin Logan both of whom this deponent well knew. The fell upon the trail of said Indians which they had made on their return from Kentucky some distance below the mouth of the Great Miami and Pursued them to Piqua where a battle was fought in which this deponent was engaged. The Indians were defeated and their Towns and property destroyed [8 Aug 1780]. From thence they marched back to Fort Jefferson aforesaid where this deponent remained in the service until sometime in the month of March 1783 when and where he was discharged under the proper hand writing of said General Clark which discharge has long since been lost and gone from this deponent. A part of said Slaughters regiment had been detained in the service beyond the time of their engagement as aforesaid at the express solicitation of said General Clark and had been for sometime under the Command of Colonel [Joseph] Crockett. When his former declaration was drawn it was by an attorney at the bar of the Court where there was much hurry and [illegible word] and he is confident some mistake in this respect was committed by the answer from the war department; but the present has been drawn at more leisure & he believes he has given a faithful narrative of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a

pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State. He also states that he has no evidence of any description of his services other than the affidavits of James Ross and Francis Cooper which were forwarded with his previous application for a pension and are now on file as he presumes in the War department. He does not know whether said witnesses are now living or not at this time nor does he know of any other person now living by whom he can actually prove his services as above set forth

[signed] John Allen