

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Allen S6480

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 27th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Samuel Allen a resident of the Hawfields in the County of Orange and State aforesaid in the 71st year of his age, 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States about the 8 February 1781, volunteered as a private in a company commanded by George Hodge, Lieutenant now not recollected, that we organized on Back Creek in Orange County, marched to Granville old Court House – returned to Hillsboro in Orange, from Hillsboro we marched to the High Rock on Haw River, where we joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] – crossed the River there and marched under Greene to Guilford old Court House, and was under him in the Battle fought there on the 15th day of March 1781. This applicant continued with Greene's Army on its march South to Ramsey's Mill – here he parted with the Main Army of Greene & under General Butler [John Butler] was marched to Wake Court House, we were at Wake House about the first week in May – and directly returned to Hillsborough where we were discharged by General Butler after being out a Tour of three months.

This applicant states that in the year of 1782, he was appointed by General Alexander Mebane Commissary and acted in that capacity for three months – supplying with Forage certain troops of our Militia then stationed in the Town of Hillsboro in this County. For which service as commissary he received a Certificate from said Mebane but has now lost it.

That this applicant has also Served in two or more Tours against the Tories, but not being enabled to give them with precision he does not enumerate them.

That he does not possess any documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service except that of Samuel Nilson & James Turner & William Allen.

That he was born in the Hawfields in this County in 1762, that he has a record of his age (at home).

That he was living in the Hawfields when called into service & that he has lived there ever since the war of the revolution.

And that when in the Service of the United States he was a volunteer – That in the said war of the Revolution he was well acquainted with General Butler, Colonel Joseph Taylor, Captain Hodge & Colonel Little [perhaps Archibald Lytle].

That he received discharges from General Butler for his three months tour and 80 Certificate from General Alexander Mebane of the expiration of his term of Service as commissary.

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.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Sam. Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam. Allen". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

S/ J. Taylor, CO

State of North Carolina, Orange County

This day personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting William Allen Senior who being first duly qualified, maketh oath that sometime in the year of 1782 Samuel Allen of the Hawfields in the County aforesaid, acted for three months as Commissary for Certain of our Militia then Stationed in the Town of Hillsboro in the County aforesaid.

August 27th 1832 Sworn to and subscribe to in open Court.

S/ J. Taylor, CO

S/ William Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Allen". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On the 24th day of May 1833, personally appeared before the Subscriber, an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Orange & State aforesaid, William Allen and James Turner of the County of Orange and State aforesaid, who being duly qualified maketh Oath, that they are well acquainted with Samuel Allen an applicant for pension (of Orange aforesaid) that in the year of 1781, they were in the militia in the United States Service in a three months Tour, and remember well that said Samuel Allen was with us in said three months Service, and in which Tour we were in the Battle of Guilford old Court House on the 15 day March 1781. And one of these affiants, William Allen, further maketh oath that the said Samuel Allen in the 1782, was duly Commissioned by General Alexander Mebane as Commissary to certain militia in Service of the United States then stationed in the Town of Hillsboro and the above County of Orange, and that he performed the duties thereof for the said term of three months.

The other affiant states, that, he was a prisoner to the British arms in South Carolina, at the time said Allen acted as commissary as he has set forth in his Declaration & understands and believes said Samuel Allen so served.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day and date first above written.

Witness
S/ James A. Craig, JP

S/ James Turner¹
S/ William Allen

James Turner
William Allen

[Thomas Lynch, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Commissary for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [James Turner W11573](#)