

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Allen S6484

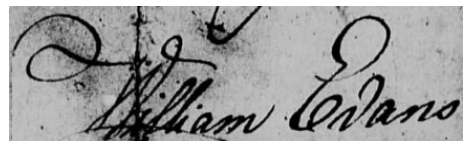
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Mr. Allen says he came to the Colony of Virginia in the year 1773, was in the Battle at the point [Battle of Point Pleasant, 10 Oct 1774] under the brave [Gen. Andrew] Lewis in 74. was enlisted by Alex'r. Crawford [Alexander Crawford] in 1780 in the month of August & joined Capt. Bells [Thomas Bell's] Company, marched to Hillsborough N. Carolina, was in the following engagements viz The battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC] on 15 March 1781. Battle of [blank: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC] on 25 April 1781 (NB. he calls the place Camlen, but I cannot understand what he means by it.) Battle of Eutaw Springs in Sept'r [8th] 1781. was at the siege of 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and at the taking of Augusta fort [Fort Cornwallis or Fort Grierson near Augusta GA, 5 Jun 1781]. thence he say, he marched to the high hills of Santee, was then put under Colo Campbell [Richard Campbell, killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs] & major [Smith] Snead. in the month of October he suffered very much from the inclemency of the weather and in consequence of a worm in his ear & other sickness was put into the hospital where he remained until his Regiment was discharged and his officers had gone home, none of which he ever saw afterwards, to get a regular discharge except Lieutenant Evans [William Evans, pension application S25069], who granted him a certificate which is all he has to shew. He states that when his health was in some measure recovered, a Mr. Ferguson made him a present of an old Horse to carry him home, as he had never received any pay he had to beg his way home &c. &c. In the Session of 1816-17 I presented Mr Allens Petition to the legislature of Va and a Bill granting him a sum of money (I believe \$58.) passed the House of Delegates, but was rejected in the Senate. On examination it appears that Mr Allen stands charged with the sum of £10 drawn in his name by a Mr. Broadhead. Mr Allen pronounces it a fraud and says he never heard of such a name before. Perhaps he might with more propriety be called Longhead. A Thomas

July the 26th 1782

This may Certify that the bearer Sam'l Allin Serv'd. in my company eighteen months during which time he was exempted bearing Arms on account of Inability
William Evans Lieut 6th Virg'a Regm't.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Evans". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

At a Court held for the County of Monroe at the Court house the 17th day of October 1820 and in the 45th year of the Commonwealth

On this 17th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record established by Law for said County proceeding according to the course of the common Law with unlimited Jurisdiction in all cases above the value of twenty dollars keeping a record of it proceeding and having the power of fine and imprisonment) Samuel Allen aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of an Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820 That the said Samuel Allen enlisted for the term of eighteen months on or about the 15th day of August in the year 1780 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Bell in the 6th regiment commanded by Colo. Bufort [sic: Abraham Buford, commander of the 3rd Virginia Detachment on Continental establishment] in the line of the state of Virginia that as he is an ignorant man and cannot read or write he does not know on what continental establishment it was or indeed whether it was on the Continental establishment or not nor is he certain that it was on the Virginia Line but this he knows that he enlisted in Augusta County Virginia under Capt. Bell and was not a militia man. that he marched to Hillsboro North Carolina and was placed under the Command of Colo. Campbell in the following engagements. towit – The battle of

Gilford on the 15th of March 1781 The battle of Campden on the [blank] day of April 1781 and the battle of Eutau Springs on the 8th or 9th of September 1781 and was at the Seige of ninety six and the taking of Augusta fort – that we marched to & encamped on the High Hills of Santee and from thence he marched to the Eutau Springs to the battle. That in the month of October he suffered very much from the inclemency of the weather and in consequence of a worm which got into his ear whilst lying on the ground and other sickness which he contracted in service he was put into the hospital at a Mr. Fergusons where he remained untill his Regiment was discharged and his officers had gone home none of whom he ever seen afterwards from whom he might obtain a regular discharge except Lieutenant Evans who gave him a certificate in 1782 and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service except the certificate or writing given by Lieutenant Evans and the testimony of such persons as are present in the same battles and served at the same time and may now be living

And in pursuance of the Act of the first of may 1820 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 persons engaged in the land and navel 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 intrust 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 and by me subscribed (& except my pay as a soldier for my services under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in north and South Carolinas. The representatives of this County presented my claim to the general assembly of Virginia in the Session of 1816-17 The lower house passed a bill allowing my claim but it was rejected by the Sinate as I have been told in consequence of discovering that I was charged with £10-0-0 drawn in my name by a villiain by the name of Broadhead of whose name I never before heard) to wit one old horse – one cow. the wool of two sheep four old chairs – one table one chest. one old dresser and an old axe a part of a gridiron & an old oven I have two hundred and twenty acres of Land which is poor & not well improved which I gave to son to furnish myself & wife during our lives with comfortable food which the neighbours thought was as much as the Land was worth. my son is not bound to suply me with cloths I was a labourer but am now so enfeebled by age and sickness as to be unable to work in any manner I have a wife about my own age who is quite a cripple & unable to assist herself much less me I have a son with whom I Live on my Land he is 37 years old & has a wife & seven children so that he is illy able to support myself & wife The Court of this County have for several years past exempted me from paying the County taxes or levies and I am indebted (after selling all the property I had except that above enumerated to pay my debts) more than one hundred dollars. I have 50 cents due to me

Value of Real property	\$200.
Personal Property	<u>43.</u>
	\$243

Samuel hisXmark Allen

[Allen’s pension of \$60 per year was apparently suspended because he owned more than \$200 in property.]

At a Court of quarter Session Continued & held for the County of Monroe at the Court house the 22nd day of August 1822—

On this 22nd day of August 1822 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record established by Law for said County, proceeding according to the course of common Law with unlimited Jurisdiction in all cases above the value of twenty dollars keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine & imprisonment Samuel Allen, aged a bout seventy four years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of provisions of an act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820— that the said Samuel Allen enlisted for the term of Eighteen Months, on or about the 15th day of August of

the year 1780 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Bell in the 6th Regiment commanded by Colonel Bufort, in the Line, of the state of Virginia that as he is an ignorant man [the rest identical to the declaration above down to the schedule of property, which is replaced by the following:]

one old mare 17 years old 8 earthen broken plates six common tea cups & saucers, one small dutch oven, one small Iron pot, one pole and one pot ract, one old Chest, one old dresser one earthen dish one pewter dish one old table & one grid Iron two old rough bedsteads four old common chairs three small earthen bowls four small glass tumblers one old mans saddle & two hundred & twenty of poor Land which said Land I let my son George Allen have for & during my natural life time & the life of my wife then living or during the life of the Longest of the two on the following terms towit he the said George Allen was to find & supply during the life of both of us for four hundred weight of dressed pork and sixteen pounds of coffee, and twenty five pounds of home made sugar & meal for bread annually, and if either me or my wife departed this life then said George Alle is to find and supply the survivor with half of the above quantity of food, for rent of the said Land, and my wife Esther, departed this life on the 24th day of January in the year of our Lord 1822 – my imploy is that of a labourer and farmer but that I am now so enfeebled by age and sickness as to be unable to work I have family except two sons. One removed to the state of Ohio the other aged about 39 years with a wife and seven Children living on the Land in the above mentioned Schedule and who is illy able to support himself and family. on account of my situation the Court of this County have for several years past exempted me from the payment of County tax & levies & there is not more than about two dollars owing to me & that I owe several small debts

Value of property as estimated by the Court \$288.37 cents Sam'l hisXmark Allen

[On 9 Feb 1826 one George Sawyers certified that he knew that Samuel Allen served “in the Campaign in the year 1774 at Point Pleasant against the Indians.” A third application was made on 21 Feb 1826 with the following schedule of property:]

Two hundred and twenty acres of Land at	\$110.00
one horse one cow 2 sheep 4 chairs one Table one chest one dresser on old Gridiron	\$43.00

That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. the Horse Cow and sheep have died the Table & chest dresser chairs and gridiron are broken and not of any value, the Tract of Land is poor and badly improved. I was unable to rent it for a sufficiency to support myself therefore gave it to my Son for which he promised to find me in comfortable food my son is about forty three years of age who has a wife and ~~seven~~ eight children, and is scarcely able to support them. I was a Labourer and am now so enfeebled by age and sickness as to be unable to work in any manner, and am now indebted for necessaries which I have been compelled to buy for the sum of \$10 or thereabout

State of Virginia }
Monroe County }

On this 18th day of August personally appeared before me Henry Alexander Justice of the Peace for said County Samuel Allen a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged Eighty six 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 7th 1832. That he by his declarations bearing date 17th day of October 1820 and also on the 16th day of Feby 1829 in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820 there set forth his service in the Army of the Revolution all of which he supposes are filed in the War Department that at the time of the declaration aforesaid he resided in the County of Monroe and State aforesaid and does now reside in said County & State that he inlisted in the Army of the Revolution and served for the term of Eighteen months the time of his enlistment was about the 15th of August 1780 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Bell in the 6th Va Regiment commanded by Col Bleuford in the line of the state

of Virginia on the Continental establishment he was marched to Hillsborough North Carolina when he was placed under the command of Col Campbell farther particulars will appear by the former declarations He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state

Samuel hisXmark Allen

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

Samuel Allen – (Served 1 yr. & 6 mo.)

on calling on this old Gentleman I found him so deaf that he could not hear one [illegible word] – his family with much difficulty by sines (he could not read) made him understand indistinctly the object of my visit – after which I understood from him in general terms that in the year 1780 he Enlisted in augusty county Va. for 18 mo. that he was attached to Capt. Bells Company – that he served in the South in Genl Greens army and was among other Battles in the Battle of Gilford – he gave a detailed account of his services, but spoke with such rapidity that it was impossible for me to follow him – there is a Rhumour in Monroe County that he was a tory or british soldier – that perhaps may be so, but I am nevertheless of the opinion (derived from his narative of facts) that he served in Genl Green' army for 18 mo. as alleged.

W. G. Singleton October 11, 1835

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Monroe County]

To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the Senate & House of Delegates The Petition of Samuel Allen an old Revolutionary Soldier humbly sheweth that as early as the year 1780 he enlisted on the 15th of August for 18 months under cap. Thos Bell of Augusta County Virginia & served his Country faithfully during that time. That he was at the Battle of Gilford, the Battle of Cambden South Carolina, the Battle of the Eautau Springs and at the Storming of the Augusta Fort. The he fought in these several engagements with all the skill & bravery he was capable of that he risked his life his health his all in the defence of his beloved Country that he suffered many privations & much hardship that in consequence of his exposure when worn out with hunger & fatigue he laid himself down on the ground with his head on a log, to take a short repose at which time a Worm got into his Ear & penetrated far into his head which produced much pain & severe injury, worse indeed than death itself – so much so as nearly to deprive him of his sences & had it not been for the United skill and attention of Doct'rs. Gittel – Ramsey – Clemmen & Barnett – would certainly have deprived him of life – they after much exertion got it extracted on the 6th day – this happened in October 1781 – which not only nearly deprived him of his hearing but threw him into a spell of sickness – he was placed in the Hospital where he continued with severe illness & extreme suffering for three months – For his services & great suffering he has never yet received one Cent of pay – he has been informed that ten pounds of his wages was drawn by a certain Gen'l. Broadhead – but solemnly declares he knew nothing of this man & that he never authorised any person to draw his pay for him.

Your Petitioner humbly pray that your honorable body will take his case into humane consideration and as he is now 79 years old very Poor & needy – that you will grant him a small pittance for present relief & that you will place him on the pension list with a small annuity for the balance of his life which must agreeable to the common course of nature be but a very few years – your petitioner further states that shortly after his return from the Army he unfortunately by a fall from the top of a Barn nearly 30 feet in hight got his back broke – this together with the loss of his hearing rendered it extremely difficult for him to support his Family but by hard strugling & honest Industry he has made out to live up to the present time, without being able to lay by any thing for the support & maintainance of old age – he is therefore compelled though very reluctantly but with full confidence to call on his country for assistance And in duty bound will ever pray.

Samuel Allen [18 Oct 1825]

[Accompanying the petition was a statement of support signed by ten neighbors.]

Ref'd to Claims Dec'r 12th 1825

1825 Dec 28 reasonable/ 30 Rejected/ 31 Reported