

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bartlett Allen S8012

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State of North Carolina, Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this the 20th day of August personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Bartlett Allen a resident of Wake County N. C. aged Seventy five years 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 Seventh 1832 – that on the year 1779 he was drafted in the militia Services of this State in Wake County for what precise term of Service he does not recollect but he is certain that he Served for more than six months – That the company in which he was drafted met at Wake Court House under Woodson Daniels [?] as Captain – and Colonel J. Kerlock [probably James Scurlock] & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – that he recollects not the precise day which his Service commenced – that the company marched to Salisbury N. C. and to Camden South Carolina & on to the 10 miles house [sic, Ten Mile House] from Charleston and from that place his company marched on to Purrysburg where they Joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] of the Regular Army that his company shifted about its position to different places on the Savannah River. That he was on the River Savannah when General Ashe [John Ashe] was defeated on the Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] in Georgia & remained thereabouts until his company was ordered home & discharged.

This declarant further states he was a corporal in this service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Bartlett Allen

The undersigned James Harwood & Isaac Smith two soldiers of the revolution appeared in open court & having been first duly sworn before & say that they are acquainted with Bartlett Allen & knew him at the time of his alleged service in the war of the Revolution having performed the same tour of Service exceeded the period of six months but what precise time they do not recollect.

S/ James Harwood,¹ X his mark

S/ Isaac Smith,² X his mark

State of North Carolina, Wake County

Personally appeared before me Daniel L. Barringer a Justice of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Wake County Bartlett Allen a Soldier of the Revolution aged 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make this amended & supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he cannot now by reason of decay of memory and old age state the term for which he was

¹ [James Harwood \(Harward\) \) W11231](#)

² [Isaac Smith S7531](#)

drafted as stated in his original declaration, But he believes, that he rendezvoused at Wake old court house about the first of September 1779 and marched to the South by Salisbury in North Carolina and Camden South Carolina & to Purysburg, Being then head quarters of General Lincoln – and continued to serve as in his original declaration set forth until about the last of April or first of May, he cannot now say which, and can only now remember the advanced state of the season on his return home – he is certain that he served seven months and that he served the whole of his term in the rank of a Corporal, he cannot now remember to what term of service his original engagement bound him – he only states the actual period which he did serve.

Answer to the Interrogatories put to declarant pursuant to the prescribed form of the war department

To Interrogatory first, he answers That he was born in the State of North Carolina in what is now Nash County and as he Believes about the year 1757 or 58.

To the second he answers, That he has now no record of his age, he had a Volume of Wesley's Sermons in which his age was recorded – transcribed from the family record – he loaned the book to a friend and lost it.

To the third he answers: That he was living near the Fish dam in Wake County when called into the Service, has lived there ever since & lives in the same neighborhood now.

To the fourth he answers, That he was drafted into the Service.

To the fifth he answers, He knew General Lincoln of the regular Army. He knew General Rutherford, Colonel Kerlock, Col. Landers of the Militia and he also remembers Colonel Lytle of the line. He cannot now give any specific account of the different corps of the Army, he only remembers generally of the regular Army, the North and South Carolina Militia, the details of his Service He has given in his original declaration.

To the sixth, he answers, he received no written discharge.

I am known to Colonel Allen Rogers and George L. Alston Esq. my near neighbors, as well as to others having lived in the same neighborhood for nearly 70 years.

Sworn to and subscribed Before me this 15th day of June 1833.

S/ Bartlett Allen, X his mark

S/ D. L. Barringer, JP

State of North Carolina Wake County

This day came Bartlett Allen before us Allen Rogers & Michael Thompson Two of the Justices of the peace for Wake County & maketh the amendatory declaration in order to get his pension Bounty reinstated & deposed as follows

That he was drafted, in Wake County North Carolina and Met at Wake Court House, and was then put under Captain Woodson Danil, and marched to Chatham Court House from there to Salisbury to a Little Town, called Charloote [sic, Charlotte], I am not certain how long I was first drafted for, when we got to Charlotte, I received Thirty Dollars in Continental Money It was afterwards said that the sum received would Bind us to be serve three months longer in South Carolina, from Charlotte we marched under Captain Woodson Danil to a place called Pine Tree known as Camden, from there we marched to Moncks Corner, from there we marched to the Ten Mile House on Turkey Creek from there we marched to Purysburg, Command[ed] by General Rutherford & Colonel Scurlock-- at Purysburg our Company was divided some men put under Colonel Archer Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] I still remained under Captain Danil, from Petersburg he was marched to different places, some times, at the White House and a place called the Two Sisters commanded by General Linkhorne [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] & Colonel Skurlock-- Before this, I would here mention that about the time we arrived about the line of South Carolina, it was contended by the soldiers that they would not go into the South state if they did they would be compelled to Serve three months longer & that they had served out their time, upon which a meeting existed & on Marching they came to a fork road Leading home, & the company

from Salisbury district Took the road for home. The nine months men were detached from us & charged Bayonets upon them, and were stopped after which time they were Tried and one of the Sergeants severely whipped & fifteen Soldiers condemned all that had Loaded Guns, but was afterwards [illegible word, looks like "repeccousal"], from there we marched on to Purysburg, & to the White House in the place called the Two Sisters to and fro to Purysburg from there we were marched by direction of General Rutherford one days March to a Ferry on Savannah [River] against the mouth of Briar Creek; there we were stationed under Captain Woodson Danil – commanded by Colonel Skurlock under General Rutherford to Cook our dinner, the Sun was Low at which Time the Battle commenced, over the River at which Place a defeat took place General Ashe first made his appearance, & came up the River Bank, and cried out, a total defeat, that all his men were killed & taken, and a short time Colonel Lytle & General Briant [sic, William Bryant] made their appearance and made known that there was a Total defeat, we then were ordered to return to Purysburg to General Lincoln who I considered to be the commanding General from thence, we marched about, to different places, the White House and the place called the Two Sisters and Back to the Smokey camp near Purysburg. I myself being a Corporal, and frequently waited on General Lincoln at head quarters, with a file of men and remained about Purysburg until dismissed, I well Remember that it was in the Month of September that I was drafted, and dismissed in the month of May which will make rather more than Six months But as I cannot remember the precise time I am certain I served full six months, I never was under General Ashe at all, nor never see him only as he was making his escape from his defeat; I fully Believe he was a Tory & am proud I was not under him, if in my former declaration anything differ from this it was misunderstood, or through misstatement I hope my case will be reconsidered as I am very dependent.

Sworn to & subscribed to before us the 11th November 1835

S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ Bartlett Allen, X his mark

S/ Michael Thompson, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]