

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Allen W10288

Mary A. Allen

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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South Carolina

William Allen of the District of Lancaster in the State aforesaid being solemnly sworn Declareth, That as well as he remembers about the year 1778 he enlisted as a common soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the fourth Regiment of Artillery of the South Carolina line, Colonel Bernard Bateman [Bernard Beeckman], Captain Harmon Davis for the term of three years. That he did duty in that Regiment in Charleston and Georgetown & the neighboring country for the term of his enlistment and was regularly discharged but has lost his discharge. The Declarer further saith that he was informed and believes that this Regiment was on the Continental establishment in the Service of the United States.

The Declarer further saith that he is a native of the United States and has always heretofore & still resides therein and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn & subscribed 9th of November 1818

S/ Wm Allen



S/ David Johnson

South Carolina: I David Johnson one of the Associate Judges of the said State do hereby certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said William Allen did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the foregoing Declaration against the Common Enemy for the time therein mentioned and that I am satisfied he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court of Common Pleas the 6th day of September 1819<sup>1</sup>.

S/ David Johnson

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South Carolina Lancaster District

On this 8th day of November 1820 personally appeared William Allen in open Court being a Court of Record for the said District exercising and unlimited Jurisdiction in Criminal &

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<sup>1</sup> Why did it take almost a year for this declaration to be attested?

Civil cases at law, aged about seventy-six or seven years resident in said District of Lancaster who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in the Fourth Regiment of the South Carolina Continental line Colonel Roberts [Owen Roberts] who was succeeded after his death at the battle of Stono by Colonel Bateman [Beeckman] & served in the Company of Artillery attached to that Regiment commanded by Captain Harmon Davis and served for three years & upwards, three years being the term for which he enlisted. That he has received a pension certificate from the department of war dated 23rd of September 1819 No. 14,843. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed

12 Acres of Land	a [at] \$2.50	\$30
1 Cow		18
14 head hogs		<u>42</u>
	total	\$90.00

That his occupation was that of a farmer but from disease has been rendered wholly incapable of pursuing or in any other way contributing to his own support for the last five years. That his family consists of a wife Mary now about forty-two years of age capable of supporting herself and six children residing with him Matthew aged 14 capable of maintaining himself and Philip, James, Mary, Lucy & Delila, the eldest of is now 11 years and the youngest one year of age in capable of maintaining themselves or of contributing much to their support.

S/ Wm Allen

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Georgia County of Franklin: On this 17th day of July 1826 Personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid William Allen Resident of said County aged eighty-six 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 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said William Allen enlisted for the term of three years on or about the year 1776 to the best of his belief & recollection in the company commanded by Captain Harman Davis in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bernard Bateman [Beeckman] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the war having twice renewed his enlistment when he was discharged from the Service in the town of Wilmington in the State of North Carolina that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of South Carolina where he formerly resided and drew his pension under the above mentioned acts until he removed and that the following are the reasons for his not making this application earlier to wet their this deponent has resided in the State of South Carolina in which State he made his original claim and was entitled to draw his pension and did draw under the above mentioned acts of Congress until March last when he removed to this State.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

one cow & calf	\$10.00	Amt. Brot. Over	77.62 ½
1 Bay horse	15.00	1 fire Shovel 1 hatchet	1.00
1 Two Horse Waggon	40.00	1 handsaw 1 drawing knife 3 Augers 1 pair compasses	1.75
2 pewter dishes & 8 pewter plates	4.00	2 pole axes	3.00
2 tin plates & 8 tin cups	1.00	2 water pails 1 piggin & washing tub	0.75
12 pewter spoons & 1 tin bucket	0.62.1/2	5 Books	1.25
1 Spoon mould	2.00	1 Sifter	0.50
1 Trunk	2.00	7 chairs	0.62 ½
1 pot 1 oven & lid 1 skillet 2 pair pot hooks	3.00		Amt. \$86.50
	\$77.62 ½		

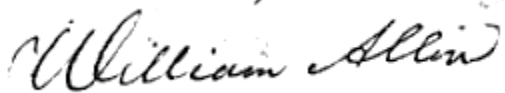
Amt. Brot over \$86.50

1 Cotton wheel 1 pair cotton cards	0.75
1 Shovel plough & 1 gofer	2.00
4 Weeding hoes	2.00
1 Old Coffee mill	.06 ¼
3 pair chain traces & 2 pair Haimes	2.50
1 man's Saddle	4.00
1 Steelyard	0.75
1 Jug	0.75
	<u>0.75</u>
	\$99.31 ¼

That since the 18th of March 1818 no material near aeration or changes have been made in my property worthy of notice.

Sworn & declared on the 11th day of July 1826

S/ William Allin

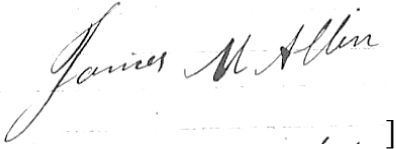


Test: S/ Thos. King, Clk.

[p 34: On July 17, 1826 in Franklin County Georgia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the South Carolina agency to the Georgia agency saying that he intends to make Franklin County Georgia his residence and that he has at that time a family consisting of himself, about 86 years old and wholly unable to labor; his wife about 46 but from disease unable to do what little; a son about 13 years of age and 2 daughters one eleven and the other 7

years of age.]

[p 11: January 14, 1857 in Lumpkin County Georgia, James M. Allin, 44 years old, filed in affidavit stating that he is the son and heir at law of William Allen and his wife Mary A. Allen both deceased; that his father was a pensioner of the United States spoke of his services in the revolution; that his father lived in Lancaster district South Carolina and afterwards moved to Franklin County Georgia and thence to Lumpkin County Georgia where he resided until his death; that his father died at Dahlonega in Lumpkin County Georgia October 4, 1840 having drawn his pension up to September 4, 1840; that his father died survived by his wife Mary A. Allen; that they were married April 27, 1812 in Lancaster District South Carolina; that his mother prior to her marriage was Mary A. Lovin; that his mother remained a widow until her death on May 7th, 1854 in Floyd County Georgia at the residence of Samuel C. Lovin who deponent believes had possession of his mother's old family Bible containing the record of her marriage; that this affiant and Mary A. Shewbist, formerly Mary A. Allen, are the only surviving children of said William and Mary A. Allen; that Mary A. Shewbist is aged 42 years and resides in Habersham County Georgia; he files this claim to collect the pension due their mother under the 1853 act at the time of her death.



James M. Allin ]

[p 14: On April 18, 1857 in Lumpkin County Georgia, James M. Allen filed an affidavit in which he stated that his sister Delilah Allen is still alive and that he had mistakenly thought she was dead at the time he filed his earlier application; that Delilah is a resident of Pickens District South Carolina and his aged about 38 years.]

[p 17: copy of family record]

#### Marriages

Wm Allen & Elizabeth Shewbert was married Sep. 1788

Wm Allen & Mary Ann Lovin was married Apl. 27 1812

Jno. S. Shewbe & Mary Ann Allin was married Jan 18 1830

#### Births

Wm Allen born about 1740

Mary Ann born Oct 31 1780

Priscilla Allen daughter of Wm born Mar 9, 1789

Nancy Allen born July 31 1791

Chas. Allen born Augt 31 1793

John Allen born Nov. 2, 1795

William Allen born Feb. 9, 1798

Robt Allen born Apl 17 1800

Matthew Allen born Oct. 17 1802

Sarah Allen born Sep 30 1804

Phillip Allen born June 30, 1808

Elizabeth born Oct 8 1810

Jas M. born Feb 8 1813

Mary Ann born Nov 12 1814  
Lucinda J. Allen born Dec 22 1818  
Delilah Allen born Feb 5 1819  
Rebecca Allen born Mar 30 1821

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 9, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line in the artillery. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to William Allen (Allin)  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 10

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[Note: This file contains documents relating to more than one veteran by this name. Use the page number of the file to identify the specific veteran to whom I believe the document relates. It is not always clear, however, which documents relate to specific veterans, so use my attribution with care.]

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William Allen's Order in favor of John Tesdill for Services in the continental Artillery

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left by James Denton  
26 March 1792  
Rejected

This order not properly certified

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for Service in Col. Roberts Regiment of Artillery Capt. Davis' Company it being a Continental charge must apply to Congress – Capt. [illegible]

[p 10: heavily edited]

Darlington [Darlington] County Chewrow [Cheraw] District

Gentlemen please to deliver all the Indents or Sums of Money that may appear to be due me to John Tisdell or order for Value Received by me this day it being for my Services in the Continental Army under the Command of Capt. Harmon Davis commanded by Col. Robards [Owen Roberts] and General Mason and you will greatly oblige your humble Servant

Witness

S/ James Denton

S/ Peter Dubose

S/ William Allen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. William Allen". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. To the right of the signature, there is a vertical line of small, illegible text, likely a microfilm edge marker.

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<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.