

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Allgood W1350

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee } Circuit Court. S.S.

Monroe County }

On this 26 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting, John Allgood a resident of McMinn County, Tennessee, aged 72 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That some time in the year 1778, the precise date not recollected, his father, Ishmael Allgood, was drafted for 18 months, to go to Gen'l. Washington's Army; but, being troubled with the dropsy, he was unable to go, and applicant went for him. He (app't.) was placed in the Company of Capt — Overton [Caleb Overton, according to his widow's application for bounty land], which marched in a Regiment under Command of Col. Flemming [probably Fleming], from Meclenburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County Va, where applicant was born and still resided, to Washington's Army, passing through Petersburg, Suffolk and Norfolk. They joined the Army, he thinks, in New York, not very far from Middlebrook [NJ], where the Army afterwards encamped and wintered. Early in the Spring the Army was marched from place to place, nothing occurring but small skirmishes, till June 29th [sic: 28th] 1778 when he was in the battle of Monmouth. In this battle he received a wound from a musket ball in the knee. The ball was extracted soon after the engagement was over, and Col. Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] (under whom Col. Flemming's Regiment was placed and fought) advised him to go into the hospital. But applicant thought he was able to march and preferred remaining in the Army to going into the hospital, where there were many sick of various disorders. On the next day he was in a small skirmish which occurred with the British & Washington's Army, his knee not giving him much inconvenience for ten days, since when it has at time been very painful until this time. He was in the main army, which was marched from place to place and wintered at Middlebrook, till his fathers 18 months term expired. Some parts of the Army occasionally engaged in skirmishes, but applicant was in none other than those mentioned. In addition to the Officers mentioned before, applicant remembers Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne, who he thinks commanded the right wing at the battle of Monmouth. As to the Continental & Militia Regiments he has no distinctive recollection. Applicant was discharged near Middlebrook, and Lewis Green, Orderly Sergeant in Overton's Company, and one of Applicants mess, got a discharge for 6 men — viz. applicant and the rest of his mess, who, as they all lived in Mclenburg County Va, thought one discharge would be enough, and save time. Applicant has never seen said discharge since, and Lewis, who had it, moved off he does not know where. — Soon after applicant reached home, some time in the year 1779 [see endnote], he was drafted for six months to go against the British who were about Portsmouth Suffolk &c. He went from McLenburg County Va, where the Regiment Commanded by Col Flemming collected in the Company of Asa Oliver Capt, Edward Good Lieut, & John Bevil Ensign. Binns Jones was major, and Marcus General [sic: Marquis de Lafayette, often called simply "Marquis"]. Gen'l. Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] was also along. They did not join Washington's Army this tour, but went and camped on James River. Washington with his Army was not far distant on the other side of the river, and applicant saw him, but not the main Army. The troops applicant was with were in some small skirmishes, but no severe battle; but were marched from place to place where the British were expected to land, and cannonaded several times with the British in the river; and once with them in Portsmouth, where they landed, but were routed & driven to the River. This tour applicant went through the same

places that he did in the 18 months tour, except that he did not go so far on to the north. He was discharged at Cabin point [on James River in Surry County], having served out the time of 6 months; but received no discharge in writing, not thinking that one would do him any good. In addition to the officers stated above he remembers Col. Call and Col. Parker militia officers who were under Gen'l Marcus and Stuben. He remembers no Continental or Militia Regiments. In all he served two years.

Applicant was born in a mile of Mclenburg Court House Virginia in the year 1760. He has no record of his age. When called into service he was still residing where he was born, where he remained till he was 26 years old when he moved into Elbert County Georgia, where he remained till 1826 when he came to Monroe County Tennessee, where he still lives. In answer to the 7th Interrogatory he states that the Rev'd [Daniel] Buckner, John Hawkins, Larkin Cardin, Joseph Knor and David White live in his present neighborhood & can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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. John hisXmark Allgood

NOTES:

Lafayette did not arrive in Virginia until March 1781. On the 15th of that month he met with von Steuben to counter Gen. Benedict Arnold at Portsmouth.

On 5 June 1854 Seleta Allgood, 67, applied for a pension stating that in Madisonville on 12 Mar 1835 she married John Allgood, and he died 17 Nov 1853. On 1 June 1855 she applied for bounty land stating that her name before marriage was Seleta Lankford and that her husband was 108 years old when he died on 17 Nov 1854. On 31 Jan 1866 Seleta Allgood applied for the restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War. She stated that she had lived in the counties of Monroe, Polk, and McMinn subsisting on "what little she has been able to earn with her own hands and the charity of relations and friends," and that she had not in any manner "encouraged the rebels." Talitha Langford deposed that she had lived within 200 yards of Seleta Allgood while she lived with a relation named Jessee White during the Civil War. Jesse Rymer deposed that he had lived for several years during the Civil War near Seleta Allgood, who "sustained the reputation of a Union woman" and that "she was a kind hearted old lady and sympathized with all persons in distress." On 19 Sep 1870 Seleta Allgood applied for the arrears of pension after the Civil War.