

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Allen W20593

Martha Allen

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State of North Carolina Bladen County

On this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August A.D. 1841 Personally appeared in Open Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for the County of Bladen at August Term 1841 – Martha Allen a resident of the County of Bladen & State aforesaid aged ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836. That she is the widow of William Allen who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution & served during the whole period of the War at least for the period of six years & this affiant – not being with certainty [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> of the exact date of her marriage with the said William Allen but herein maketh oath that they were married more than ten years before the Commencement of said Revolutionary War that she thinks and believes that they were married before the year A.D. 1765 this Affiant maketh oath that the want of certainty as to dates is owing entirely to the fact that she is an illiterate & unlearned woman – that the said William Allen her husband is now dead & that he died about 10 years since that she was a widow on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836 & still remains & now is a widow & has never married since the death of the said William Allen.

S/ Martha Allen, X her mark

[p 44: On September 8, 1840 in Cumberland County North Carolina, James Anderson gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Allen and Martha his wife both before and since their intermarriage; that they were not married has of 1775 or 1776 but that they were married very shortly after the commencement of the revolutionary war; that during the war the affiant was employed as a mail carrier from Halifax to Deep Water Point low Wilmington in North Carolina; that while performing these services, he saw William Allen performing military duty. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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State of North Carolina Bladen County

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846 personally appeared before me Joseph Lyon one of the acting Justices of the Peace and a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and

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for the said County, Martha Allen a resident of the aforesaid County & State aged 95 years who first being sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836 for the benefit of certain widows of Revolutionary Soldiers.

That she is the widow of the late William Allen who served the United States in the North Carolina Militia several Tours of duty in the war of the Revolution as a private soldier – that he was commanded by Captains Shuffel, Rhodes, Cook and others – that she the declarant cannot specify the different Tours of duty that were rendered in the said war by her said husband but that she is quite certain her husband the said William Allen was gone from home at the least one half of the time of the war – that he served as a volunteer and drafted Militia as she has heard him say – That she was married to the said William Allen in the year of our Lord 1769 in Duplin County North Carolina – That her family record is lossed [sic, lost].

That she has caused the County Court Clerk's office of Duplin to be searched for her husband's Lisens [license] bond which cannot be found – that she has procured a copy of the Lisens bond of her oldest son to wit John Allen who was married in the year 1792 in Duplin County North Carolina – that the said William Allen died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1831.

That she is still the widow of William Allen & has not married since the death of the said William Allen.

Sworn to & subscribed on the aforesaid date before me

Test: S/ Jos. Lyon, P. L. L.

S/ Martha Allen, X her Mark

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State of North Carolina Bladen County

On this 29 day of January 1846 came before me Joseph Lyon one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the said County Richard Cheshire a resident of the said County & a pensioner of the United States aged about eighty-six years who after being sworn according to law deposed & saith that he is acquainted with Martha Allen of the said County who is applying for a pension for the services of William Allen deceased. That he this deponent did not serve in the war with the said William Allen but that he this deponent believes that the said William Allen served the United States in the said war against the common Enemy that soon after the termination of the war in about the year 1784 or 5 the deponent and the said William Allen lived together and their families and that at that time he the deponent heard the family speak of the said William Allen being [in] the service.

The deponent further saith that at the time the said William Allen lived with him which was about sixty-three years ago he the said William & Martha Allen had four children, to wit, John Allen, Jacob Allen, Morgan Allen & Ephragm Allen [Ephraim Allen] and that from these circumstances he the deponent believes the said William & Martha Allen were married together before the commencement of the revolutionary war – that they the said William & Martha Allen lived together as husband & wife and that he never heard anything to the contrary but what they were lawfully married. Sworn to & subscribed before me on the above date.

S/ Jos. Lyon, P. L. L.

S/ Richard Cheshire, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Bladen County

On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846 personally appeared before us W D McNeill & Colin Munroe acting Justices of the Peace for the said County John Allen a resident of the aforesaid

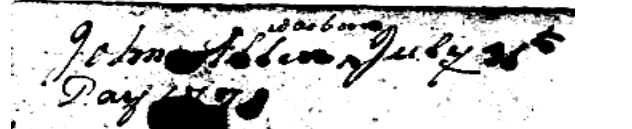
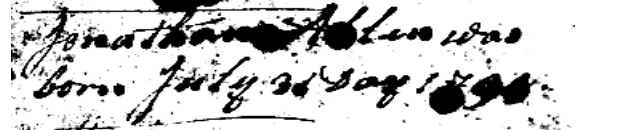
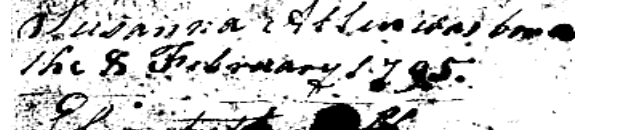
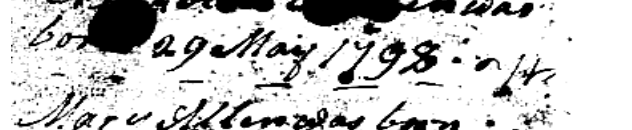
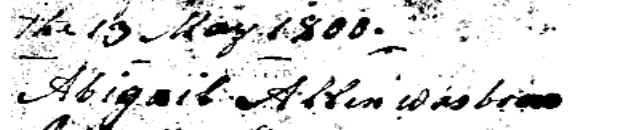
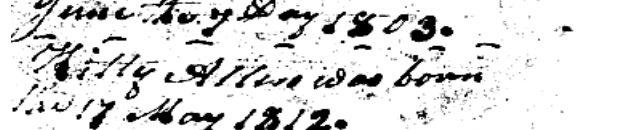

County & State who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he is in his seventy sixth year of his age and that he is a son of William Allen, deceased, and Martha Allen who is now making application for a pension for the revolutionary Services of her husband the said William Allen.

The deponent John Allen saith that his father the said William Allen lived in Duplin County North Carolina in the time of the said war and that he this deponent well recollects his father the said William Allen volunteered himself in the early part of the said war as a private soldier under Captain Shuffel this was a three months tour of duty. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tour this deponent thinks was twelve months under Captain Joseph T Rhodes & was marched to South Carolina. The next and last service his father rendered was driving cattle for the Army and was under Captain Cook the length of time not recollected. The deponent further saith that his father the said William Allen was in several other short tours in scouting parties after Tories length of time not recollected and was in the battle of widow Moore's Creek Bridge [February 27, 1776]. The deponent further saith that from the best of his information his father & mother were married together in the year of our Lord 1769 in Duplin County of the state aforesaid and that they the said William & Martha Allen did lived together as husband & wife and that he this deponent never heard anything to the contrary but what they were lawfully married & the deponent further saith that the original family record of his family is lost but that the accompanying record is his this deponent's. And that the record thereon of his birth the deponent is a true copy of the original which was copied some years since as before stated from the original.

Sworn to and subscribed before us on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846

S/ John Allen, X his mark

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	<p>John Allen was born July 26<sup>th</sup> Day 1777?</p>
	<p>Jonathan Allen was born July 31 Day 1796?</p>
	<p>Susanna Allen was born the 8 February 1795</p>
	<p>Elizabeth Allen was born 29 May 1798</p>
	<p>Mary Allen was born the 13 May 1800</p>
	<p>Abigail Allin was born June the 7<sup>th</sup> Day 1803</p>
	<p>Kitty Allen was born the 17 May 1812</p>

[p 10: On September 26, 1851 in Bladen County North Carolina, John Allen gave testimony that he is the son of Mrs. Martha Allen, who applied for a pension as the widow of William Allen a soldier of the revolutionary war; that his mother died November 20, 1847 leaving her surviving the following named children, to wit: John Allen, William Allen, Ephraim W Allen, Joseph Allen and Paul Allen; that he makes this declaration on thereby half as well as himself to obtain the pension due their mother. He signed this document with his mark.]

[pp 15-16: appear to be the family record of the veteran and his family but the images thereof are of such poor quality that they cannot be read.]

[p 23: Certificate from the clerk of the Duplin County North Carolina court saying that he has made diligent search in his office for the license bond of William Allen and Martha Shuffel but same cannot be found. His certificate is dated December 16, 1845. He certifies that his records do reflect a marriage bond issued January 10, 1792 conditioned upon the marriage of John Allen and Ruth Parker.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina service.]