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Pension Application of Isham Allen W2900

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District of Virginia Towit

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1823 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County of Hanover, held in the County of Hanover, Isham Allen of the said County of Hanover, aged 59 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 That he the said Isham Allen enlisted for the term of Eighteen months on the [blank] day of October 1779 in the City of Richmond and State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt. [Simon] Morgan in the regiment commanded by Colo. Archibald Campbell [sic: Richard Campbell] in the line of the state of Virginia on the United States Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the year 1781 when he was discharged from the said service at Salsberry [sic: Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina, that he was in the battle of Guildford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Cambden [sic: Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Siege of Ninety Six [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service – And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 person 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 – Viz: one saw, a few old carpenters tools, and a few plantation utensils, such as old ploughs and axes

[signed] Isham Allen

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Isham allen/ age 17/ height 5' 7"/ planter/ born and residing in Henrico County/ brown hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 20 Aug 1780 for 18 months. “2<sup>d</sup> Reg't.”

On 5 Mar 1828 Isham Allen applied to have his pension transferred to Boone County KY where he had moved “for the benefit of his family.”

On 30 Apr 1839 Elizabeth Allen, 62, of Boone County, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Isham Allen by Parson John Blair of Richmond on 22 Mar 1792, and her husband died 24 Oct 1839. This application also includes a list of her children as follows:

Robert Allen born 6 July 1793

George M. Allen, 10 Aug 1795

John F. Allen, 6 Aug 1797

Charles Allen, 7 Sep 1799

Shophie S. Allen, 28 Jan 1802

William Allen, 9 Oct 1804

Adoline and Anneliza Allen, 20 Nov 1808

Lucy M. Allen, 26 Apr 1810

Benjamin M. Allen, 14 Dec 1812

Agness F. Allen, 12 Aug 1818

William James Allen, 23 Dec 1821

The application was initially denied for lack of proof of the marriage, whereupon she submitted a page of an original family record from *The Book of Common Prayer*, transcribed as follows:

"I was Married the the 22 Day March 1792

Robert Allen the son of Isham & Elizabeth Allen wors born 6 of July 1793 George Mosby Allen the Son of Isham & Elizabeth Allen wors born 10 of August 1795 and departed this life the 12 day of February 1827

John F. Allen the son of Isham & Elizabeth Allen wors born 6 of August 1797

Charles Allen the son of Isham & Elizabeth Allen wors born 28[?] of September 1799"

On 21 Sep 1843 at age 65, and on 9 Sep 1848 at age 73, Elizabeth Allen applied for larger pensions under a later acts of Congress. In 1854 Bill Allen, John F. Allen, Lucy M. Grant, Adaline Allen, and Agness F. Johnson applied for an increase in the pension under a later pension law as the only five surviving children and heirs of Elizabeth Allen, who died on 9 May 1853.