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Pension Application of John Allen W8316

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State of Kentucky }

Bourbon County } Sct

On this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1840 Personally appeared before the County Court of Bourbon County and State aforesaid Jane Allen a resident of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky aged Seventy five 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 4th 1836 That she is the widow of John Allen Deceased who volunteered his service in the early part of the Revolutionary War in the County of James City in the state of Virginia and served in a troop of horse the name of the Captain commanding the Company not now recollected but he served in said company untill the prisoners taken under Genl Burgoyne [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] were sent up to the Barracks in Albemarle County Va [Jan 1779] and on the arrival of said troops at the said Barracks the said John Allen received the appointment of Issueing commissary and immediately entered on his duty of issueing commissary and continued to hold said office during the whole time the troops were stationed at said Barracks, which the declarant thinks was for considerably more than two years. The declarant recollects perfectly well that a week or two previous to her marriage to the said John Allen that he was taken prisoner by the British [probably during the raid of Albemarle County by Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton in June 1781] and at the same time a very fine horse taken from him which he was then riding and he was kept under guard untill he wrote back to Charlottesville Va and got letters from several gentlemen Citizens of that place and on the receipt of their letters the British turned the said John loose on parole [promise not to fight again until exchanged for a British prisoner] and he returned to Charlottesville and in a short time while then on parole the said John Allen & the Declarant was married. Shortly after their marriage the said John Allen returned to the Barracks on duty where there still remained the artificers [artificiers] and some of the guards. And the said John Allen continued in his duty as commissary at said Barracks, untill the Spring or Summer of the year seventeen hundred and eighty two. On his return to the Barracks after marriage whether he had received his exchange or violated the obligations of his parole the Declarant does not now recollect but is of the opinion the latter was the case. The Barracks was about six miles from the Declarants Father, William Tandy where the declarant staid for some months after marriage in consequence of the said Allen being engaged with the army the said Allen returning to see the declarant when circumstances would permit. The declarant with her husband moved to the State of Kentucky in the year 1785 previous to that time she had lived near Charlottesville Va which gave her an opportunity to know of a great part of John Allens services at least while he was issueing Commissary, she recollects that he had nearly all the time while acting as Commissary several young men was under him as assistants and Clerks, the business of issueing Commissary being too laborious for any one man to attend to. After the removal of the said John Allen to the State of Kentucky about the year Eighteen hundred and two or three the papers of the said John Allen containing his services in the army was given to Walter Carr (who is now dead) for the purpose of taking to Richmond Va to make a settlement Allen there claiming a Balance from the State for his services But whether the said Carr made the settlement or not the declarant does not know, nor can she find out what has become of the papers unless they were left in the office at Richmond Va and they were consumed when the said office at Richmond was burned as the declarant is informed it has been twice on fire with in less than forty years past. The Declarant further saith that her husband the aforesaid John Allen died in the month of August Eighteen hundred and Sixteen 1816, And that She was married to the said John Allen in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia in the month of August Seventeen hundred and Eighty one (1781) And that she has remained a

widow ever since the death of her husband the aforesaid John Allen And she knows of no record of her marriage But has a record of the age of her Children which she will have filed if necessary

Jane herXmark Allen

The deposition of Captain Holman Rice [pension application S31327] a resident of Bath County Kentucky taken in the Town of Owinsville [sic: Owingsville] this 20th day of April 1840 to be used as evidence in favour of the application of Mrs Jane Allen widow of John Allen decased for a pension under an act of Congress passed July

Deponent being Eighty two years old Deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with John Allen during the Revolutionary war and since while he acted as judge in the State of Kentucky, the Deponent himself a Captain in the Regular service and Commanded a company in the Regiment Commanded by Col Francis Tayler [sic: Francis Taylor] and on the Deponents arrival with his company at the Albermarle Barracks in the state of Virginia in the month of February Seventeen hundred and Seventy nine on his arrival he found the said John Allen then at the Barracks and acting and holding the commission of Commissary in the issuing department, and the said Allen continued as issueing commissary during the whole time the deponent continued at the said Barracks and when he left the Barracks in the month of August in Seventeen hundred and Seventy nine the said Allen was still filling the office as commissary but how long he continued there after or when he entered the service the deponent does not now know, But the deponent recollects perfectly well being the senior officer on a committee to examine some flour furnish by the said John Allen which flour had been purchased of John Symm, which flour the committee passed altho not of the best quality And further saith not [signed] Holman Rice, '76

The deposition of Majr John Roberts [pension application W2347] taken at his residence in the County of Rapahanock [sic: Rappahannock] in the State of Virginia this [blank] day of November 1841 to be read as evedence in favour of the application of Mrs Jane Allen (widow of John Allen dec'd of Bourbon County Ky for a pension

Deponent being Eighty four years old Deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Commissary John Allen During the Revolutionary War. The Deponent was Lieutenant in the continental State line of Virginia and as such assisted in guarding and marching the Conventional troops [sic: Convention Army] of Burgoynes army from the State of Pennsylvania to the Albermarle Barracks in the State of Virginia – the troops were landed at the Barracks in the last month of seventeen hundred and seventy eight or in January seventeen hundred and seventy nine. The deponent recollects that after delivering the troops at the Barracks that he turned out and recruited a full company and returned with them to the said Barracks on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of February seventeen hundred and seventy nine. And in a few days thereafter the Deponent was raised to the rank of Captain and then to Majr the deponents Commission as Majr bore date on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March seventeen hundred and seventy nine and the deponent performed the duties of Major in the Regement of the guard under Colonel Francis Tayler from that date untill the month of February seventeen hundred and eighty one at which date the Deponent left the said Barracks. The deponents situation gave him a full knowledge of the services of the said John Allen. He the said Allen was the issueing Commissary of the Aforesaid Regiment from their arrival at the said Barracks and continued as such during the whole time the deponent was there and when the deponent left the Barracks in February 1781 he left the said John Allen filling the office of Commissary how much longer the said Allen continued as commissary this Deponent cannot say as this Deponent joineded the Army that went to the South At the time the deponent left the Barracks the marriage of John Allen & Jane Tandy was spoken of but at what time the marriage took place the deponent cannot say, but he heard shortly afterwards that it had taken place and this deponent further saith not. Given under my hand this 3<sup>d</sup> day of Nov'r. 1841

Jno Roberts late Maj'r in the War of the Revolution

NOTES:

Jesse Lewis (pension application S5680) and his wife, Nancy Lewis, 76, deposed that they had known John and Jane Allen at the time John Allen was Commissary at Albemarle Barracks.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Albemarle County on 15 Aug 1781 by John Allen and Hudson Martin for the marriage of Allen to "Jane Tandy (Spinster)." On 3 Mar 1840 Milly Hughes, 69, deposed that she was the sister of Jane Allen and lived with her until she married John Allen at the home of their father, William Tandy. Julian Grosjean, 44, deposed that she was the daughter of John and Jane Allen. A letter to the Pension Commissioner dated 24 Apr 1842 from Congressman Garrett Davis states that Jane Allen was a member of his church, that she was in moderate circumstances, and had for many years "gone upon crutches." The last document from Jane Allen is dated 14 Dec 1843.