

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Allen W8318

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State of Kentucky County of Mason S.S.

Be it known that on this 10th day February 1834 personally appeared in open court William Allen a resident of Kentucky in the County of Mason aged seventy six years who being first sworn according to Law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. That he enlisted in Faquir [sic: Fauquier] County & state of Virginia in the year 1775 and served in the army of the United States for the space of six months, at that time under the following officers Captain John Chilton in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded at that time by Major Thomas Marshall, the same being under the command of General [Charles] Scott – after he entered the service he was marched to the lower part of virginia and stationed at a place called the great Bridge where a battle was fought [9 Dec 1775] with the British commanded by Capt Fordice [sic: Charles Fordyce] who was killed and a number of his men was taken prisoners. And that after serving his tour he was honorably discharged. This deponent further saith that he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man in the year 1777 into the Company of Capt Charles Chilton, and was immediately marched to the north and joined the main army at a place called Penepecks mills, about two days after the battle at Germantown [4 Oct 1777], and then remained with the main army under the command of Genel George Washington in the neighbourhood of Philadelphia, and served a regular tour of three months and was then honorably discharged. And he further states that in the year 1781 he was again drafted into the company of Capt Charles Chilton and entered the service of the united states, and was marched to Richmond where he joined the army under the command of the Marquis De LaFayette soon after which, he with two others of his company were detached and sent on a scouting party under the command of Colonel Call and Major Boyer down James River to a place called Mobbin's Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] – where they remained untill the army retreated from Richmond the next day [about 20 Jun 1781] the British light horse under the command of Tarlton [sic: the Legion of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] came upon them and compelled them to make a hasty retreat – and were pursued and sorely pressed by the British light horse untill they joined the main Army in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Virginia. This deponent then remained with the main army untill his time of service expired and he served three months and was honorably discharged. He further states that in all the aforesaid three towers, he served as a common soldier or as a private – and that in the first tower he thinks he was enlisted and served as a regular but it has been so long ago that his memory must of necessity be imperfect. He well recollects he was denominated one of the minute men, and whether he volunteered or was enlisted he will not say positively. The other two towers he served as a militia man. He further states that he has no documentary evidence that will establish his services, that he has lost his discharge, and that he knows of no person who can prove his services who is living and within his reach he believes that his half Brother George Shackelford if he could have got him to come could have proved a part of his services. He has not yet been enable to get him to court – and does not know that he can get him. He states that he resided in the County of Faquier in the state of Virginia at the time the services were rendered and removed to the State of Kentucky in 1793 and has resided there ever since that time. I always received my discharges from my Captain. This affiant states his age from the record of his fathers bible that is now in the possession of his sister. He states that he is acquainted with John Chamby, Walker Reid, Walter Warder, and Jasper L Morris who reside in his neighbourhood and who can testify as to his general character for probity and honesty. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the rpresent and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. Sworn & subscribed this 10th day February 1834.

[signed] Wm Allen

NOTE: On 10 July 1843 Frances Allen , 81, applied for a pension stating that as Frances Pepper she married William Allen in Fauquier County "on the eighth day of August next after the close of the Revolutionary War," that they moved to Kentucky in the winter of 1793, and her husband died in May 1839 in Mason County. She stated that a family record shows that their first child if living would be 58 years old in the next September. On 15 July 1843 George Shackleford, 78, deposed that he was present at the marriage of William Allen to Frances Pepper in 1784, before he and his wife moved to Kentucky in the fall of 1790, and that William and Frances Allen had five or six children when they moved to Kentucky in 1793. In the file is a copy of a bond signed on 4 Aug 1781 by William Allen and William Pepper for the marriage of Allen to Hannah Pepper.