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Pension Application of John Allen W8319

Nancy Allen VA

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Brunswick County, SS.

On this 27 day of July 1818, before the County Court of Brunswick aforesaid personally appeared John Allen aged 57 years, resident in Brunswick, who being by us first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:” That he, the said John Allen enlisted in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Coleman [Whitehead Coleman BLWt467-300] of the 1st Regiment Continental Artillery commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison [VAS1411]; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the end & expiration of three years, when he was discharged from service in Morriss Town [sic: Morristown] state of New Jersey, that he was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

District of Virginia Sct. On this 23^d Day of October 1820 personally appear'd in open Court, being a Court of Record, (made a Court of Record by Act of Assembly) for the County of Brunswick in said District John Allen aged sixty years, resident in Brunswick County in said District, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows; he enlisted in the Company of Artillery Commanded by Captain John Henry in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison and was at the battle of Monmouth, and afterward he was detached and ordered to join the Company commanded by Captain James Pendleton, and was at the taking of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], after which he returned to his original Company under the Command of Captain Coleman; The date of his Original Declaration was on the 27th day of July 1818 and the number of his pension Certificate is (17,731) And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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. One Loom & two rush bottom chairs; My occupation is farming, I am very infirm in the right knee occasioned by a cut from a Coopers Adze. My family consists of myself & my wife who is fifty two years of age and very infirm. – John Allen.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). A copy of the first document is in the federal file.]

John Allen late Gunner of Captain Colemans Company in the first regiment of Continaltal Artillery Commanded by Colo Charles Harrison having served the time for which he was enlisted is hereby discharged the Service of the united States, – His good behaviour as a Soldier entitled him to the respect and esteem of all his Countrymen. given under my hand at the Park of Artillery near Morristown this 7th day of Feby 1780
Ed Carenton
The above Term was three years Ed Carrington Lt Colo 1st V.R

I do certify that John Allen served as a soldier in the first Virginia Regiment five years & was taken prisoner at the surrender of Charles Town [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780]. Given under my hand this 23^d

day of Feby 1784
(Copy B Mark)

Francis Minnis/ Capt 1 Virg'a Regim't

NOTE: On 24 Sep 1838 Nancy Allen, 70, of Washington County KY applied for a pension declaring that she married John Allen in Mecklenburg County in Dec 1783, and he died 11 May 1822. Reuben Allen of Mercer County KY certified her declaration. Starling Morgan of Washington County stated that he had been at the wedding of his sister, Nancy Allen, to John Allen. Williamson Rainey, 79, (pension application R8563) and Edith Rainey of Mecklenburg County also certified that they had been present at the marriage of John and Nancy Allen. Philip Rainey, nephew of John and Nancy Allen, procured their testimony.