

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Vincent Allen W9692

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State of North Carolina } County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions,
Lincoln County } July Sessions 1832

On this 16th day of July 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court aforesaid, Vincent Allen a resident of Lincoln County in said State aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in what was called the minute Army [Minute Man militia service], at Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Court House, about the 1st of October 1775, to the best of his recollection under Captain John Jimmerson [probably John Jameson], Col L Tollever [sic: Lawrence Taliaferro, pronounced Tolliver], and marched under him to Williamsburg, & in the January following was discharged from that service; That on 19th day of March 1781 he was drafted at Culpepper Court House in the state of Virginia, & shortly afterward joined the 4th Regiment at Fredericksburg, under Captain Crain, Col Febecker [sic: Christian Febiger], and continued under him till the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; then was placed under Captain Kirkpatrick & afterwards under Cap'n. Luke Conner at Cumberland old Court House State of Virginia; then under Leut Robert Craddock in winter quarters at Cumberland old Courthouse under Genl Febecker. That on 14th of February 1782 was marched to Georgia, under Col. Poseys [Thomas Posey's] detachment or Regiment, & joined Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne at Ebenezer on 7th of May 1782 in said state, from thence he was marched on 7th of October following & joined Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Ashley Hell[?], State of South Carolina & served in his army until his time of service expired. That his draft on 19th March 1781 was for eighteen months, but he served until 11th Nov'r. 1782, when he was discharged at Cumberland old Courthouse State of Virginia which is now out of his possession. & That he served one month as a volunteer in guarding prisoners to the Albemarle barracks state of Virginia, beside these services That he resided in the County of Culpepper State of Virginia after the War, till the year 1787 or 1788 & then moved to the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina, where he has resided ever since except two years, in the County of Iredell [NC]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state [signed] Vincent Allen

[The file contains a deposition by Robert Mursh (pension application W8416) dated 8 Oct 1818 stating that he knew Vincent Allen in the service.]

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & quarter sessions
Lincoln County } January Sessions 1833

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared Vincent Allen before the Justices of the County Court in said State, who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1732.

Where & in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Essex County in the State of Virginia on 11th day of May 1756 and from that County my father moved to Culpepper County in Virginia when I was about 11 or 12 years old
Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have my age set down in my bible, now in my possession, which I copied from my fathers bible.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, & if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Answer. I did receive a discharge from the service, but can not recollect the name of the officer who signed it, it was given at Cumberland old Court House in the State of Virginia. After being discharged from the service, I was in want of provisions to live on & sold my discharge to Reubin Waggoner in Culpepper County aforesaid, for corn, who I understood filed it in the office and drew my pay.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Jeremiah Munday, a minister of the Gospel, Robert Teacher also a minister & soldiers, Charles Regans [sic: Charles Regan, pension application W5688], a soldier, The Honble Hy. W Conner & others

[signed] Vincent Allen

NOTE: On 4 Sep 1838 Elizabeth Allen, 84, applied for a pension stating that she married Vincent Allen on 27 Jan 1776 in Culpeper County, that she heard of his being at Savannah GA and Charleston SC, and that he died 30 May 1834. On 3 Sep 1838 Edmund Waggoner, 82, deposed that he was a cousin of Vincent Allen. A 23 Feb 1853 document in the file states that Vincent Allen died 10 May 1837 leaving his widow, Elizabeth Allen, who died on 19 Oct 1848, and the following children: "John Stanly Margaret and Hale Allen and that the said Vincent Hale Allen is the Vincent Allen known to be living the others viz John Stanly and Margaret having left the Country and not been hear from for some time."