Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Allen R103 f12NC
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The State of Mississippi, Wayne County

On this 17th day of July 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Probate now sitting Arthur Allen a resident of the County of Wayne and State of Mississippi aged Seventy four 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 act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, under the command of Colonel Jonas Johnson, commanding the Regiment as a volunteer. General Lincoln or General Linkhorne [Benjamin Lincoln] commander in chief and under Captain Edward Hall entered the service in the month of April year not recollected, and left in the July following of the same year which ended the first engagement. The second engagement he entered the service under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commander in chief, Colonel Linton [William Thomas Linton], Captain's name not recollected the time of entering and leaving the service not recollected. That he resided at the time of entering the service of both engagements in the County of Nash in the State of North Carolina that he was a volunteer in the first engagement and drafted in the second. That he fought at the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] in the State of South Carolina that he marched from North Carolina through South Carolina into Georgia and thence into South Carolina crossing the Savannah River at the Chalk Hills and camped at Augusta and thence down said River crossing at a place not known on their march back into South Carolina on which march we overtook the enemy at Stono River in which engagement this applicant was wounded on the left side of the abdomen. The regular regiments is not recollected by the applicant nor officers except General Lincoln or Linkhorne whom he believes to be the commander of the Continental Army and militia at that place. Second engagement aforesaid under the officers aforesaid that he fought at the Battle near Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] in the State of North Carolina in which engagement General Greene commanded the Americans and Lord Cornwallis the British. Marched from Nash County in North Carolina through the Country to Guilford Court House a distance of about ninety miles the Continental regiments or companies not recollected, or regular officers except General Greene the applicant served in the second engagement three months the time of entering and leaving the service not recollected.

Third engagement. The applicant entered the service in the County of Nash State of North Carolina under the Command of Major Pinckeaton [sic, perhaps Pinketham Eaton] by draft time of entering and leaving the service not recollected. The applicant at the time of entering the service was in the County and State last aforesaid. That under the command of Major Pinckeaton he fought at the post called by the Americans Fort Thompson and by the British Fort defiance he says that Fort held out seven days and surrendered. The prisoners were conducted to Salisbury in the State last aforesaid, regular regiments not recollected except the Cavalry commanded by Colonel Washington [presumably William Washington]. Said Fort was situated on the Congaree near the Junction with the Wateree. The applicant says that he has no documentary evidence now and that his discharge was worn out and

that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Arthur Allen

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Interrogatories to Arthur Allen applying for the Pension under the act of June 7th 1832

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: In Nash County North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: No, I had a record of my age but in coming to this County I got it wet and lost it.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In Nash County North Carolina, Part of the time in South Carolina, Part of the time in Georgia and am now living in this State in Wayne County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: The first time I volunteered the other engagements I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: General Lincoln or Linkhorne and General Greene and Major Pinkeaton and Colonel Washington who Commanded the Cavalry in the regular troops at Fort Thompson at the mouth of the Congaree River the Fort held out seven days and on that day they gave up and we carried the Prisoners to Salisbury North Carolina

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I did, Captain Edward Hall gave me one at Stono ~~and the Paper wore out~~ in discharge of the first engagement

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: Elias Davis, Alfred Brown, Gilbert Hays, R. R. McCann and Francis Hough.

[Elias Davis & Alfred Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]