# Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Allen R144 f9NC
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State of Virginia, Amherst County: to wit

On the 3rd day of November 1832, personally appeared before the undersigned David S. Garland a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and within the State of Virginia, Thomas Allen, a Citizen of the United States residing in the County aforesaid aged Eighty years old, 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 7th, 1832.

That he was Born in the Kingdom of Great Britain in the year 1752 and migrated to the United States in 1775.

That in 1777 He was drafted into the Militia of Tennessee, was placed under the Command of Captain Young who was under the Command of Colonel John Savier [sic, Sevier]. He was marched against the Cherokee & Choctaw Indians, was marched to Fort Robbinson Fort Robinson] on the Watauga River, from there to the Lowell [could be Laurel] [1]of Holston River, from that to Fort Briant [Fort Bryant?] where we remained 5 or 6 weeks, while there Captain Young was killed a few miles from the Fort, from that he marched to Beans Station where we remained some weeks and were discharged, Having been three months in Service, a few months thereafter, He was in the militia of Tennessee detailed for services, Commanded by Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and was marched to the Big Island on Holston where he was in an action against the Indians, which resulted in their defeat, after that he returned to Augusta County Having performed a tour of duty of 5 or 6 weeks. After having been at home some months He was drafted into the militia and marched for the relief of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] then besieged. He was commanded by Captain McNabb [John McNabb] under the Command of Colonel ~~Boyer~~ [illegible name interlined, name begins “Bl” and appears to end in “l”][2]. the siege was raised before they reached there and they returned home and were discharged after having been about six weeks in Service.

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 whatever.

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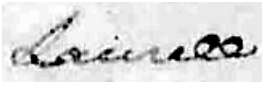
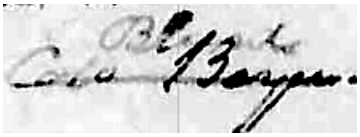
1 

2 

That he is well acquainted with John Hall and Peter Hartless they are his neighbors and can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his Service as a Soldier.

The following interrogatories on direction put to those who are applicants for the benefit of the Pension Laws: Viz.

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

Answer: I was born in the Kingdom of Great Brittain but have no Record of my age, we therefore cannot speak with certainty.

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

Answer: I have no Record of my Age.

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

Answer: when first called into service I lived in Tennessee since then I have lived in Rockbridge & Amherst and now live in Amherst 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: I did not go into Service in any other way than as a Drafted Soldier.

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: I do not recollect of many officers except those that that I have me…[mentioned?].

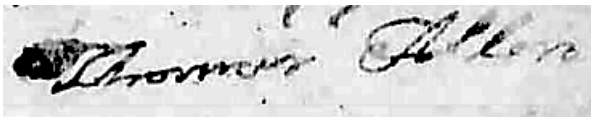
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I never received a written discharge, they were all Verbal.

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: I am acquainted with John Hall & Peter Hailless they are my neighbors & can testify as to my veracity & belief of my service.

S/ Thomas Allen



[Peter Hartless and John Hall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]