Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Allen S32093 f15NC
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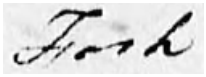
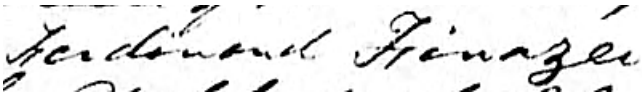
State of Illinois, Greene County

On this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court of Greene County and State of Illinois Daniel Allen a resident in the County of Greene and State of Illinois aged seventy 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 7th, 1832

That he was drafted as a militia man during the war of the revolution, he thinks it was during the latter part, that he first served for three months as a light horseman under the command of General Charles McDowell of Burke County, North Carolina. That his Colonel was Joseph McDowell of the same place, that he served under the immediate command of Captain McDaniel [John McDaniel] he is not positive as to his given name, but he thinks it was John, that during this tour the men in service were dispersed about in small bodies of a half of a dozen together on the frontier of the Settlements to guard against the Tories & Indians. He thinks it was the Cherokee Indians who were troublesome to the Whigs. At this affiant was under the command of a Sergeant by the name of William Patton. The first term of service of this affiant expired soon after the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] in which Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] & Major Dunlap with their forces were routed. He does not recollect the names of the Lieutenants as he had no intercourse with them & he does not know that there was any lieutenants belonging to his company: that soon after this affiant married & removed to Washington County & resided on Little River, that he was a volunteer and served under Captain Jonathan Beard a militia officer, the commander was General Fosh [?][1] a Frenchman of the County of Greene in Georgia. The Colonel under whom I served was Colonel Melton of the said County of Greene. That they were engaged in scouting parties and exploring the Country in small parties to guard against the depredations of the Tories and Cherokee Indians. That the squad he this affiant usually marched with, consisted of about 20 men, that this affiant continued in service under Captain Beard about three months & returned home. That he remained a short time at home, and the alarm of the Country increasing from the depredations & murders of the Enemy, he was induced again to volunteer into the service of the Country under the command of Captain Ferdinand Frinazer[?][2] of the County of Oglethorpe. He belonged to Colonel Melton's Regiment as above mentioned. He this affiant does not recollect the term he was in service, he however [?] volunteered to remain in service till the danger in which the Settlements were should be over. He is sure that this latter tour of service continued over three months, but how much longer he cannot tell with any exactness. That during the service, we were

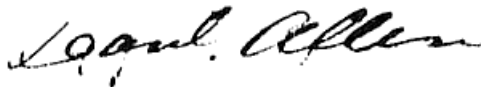
1 

2 

frequently called on to pursued the Indians but never overtook them. That he does not recollect that he ever had any written discharge and he never received any pay for his services that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure of his Service as aforesaid. That 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 the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Danl. Allen



Interrogatories put by the court to the said annual Allen

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

I was born in Burke County North Carolina in the year 1762 or 3 and I am not positive which according to the information I have received.

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

Answer. I have & it is at my house in this County & it was made when I was a young man & soon after my marriage. The entry is made in a family Bible. My wife's name & age entered at the end the names of my children to the number of ten have been entered [illegible word] as they were born.

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

I was living in Burke County North Carolina when I was drafted & when I volunteered afterwards I was residing in Washington County Georgia and a part of the time in the County of Oglethorpe in the same state. I remained in Oglethorpe several years after the revolutionary war and thence removed to Lincoln County in the State of Tennessee [?] in which place I resided till I removed to my present place of residence about fourteen years ago.

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 was drafted for the first term of service which continued three months and I volunteered for the other terms as stated in my declaration.

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 never served with the regular troops but with the militia loan. I served as I have stated in my declaration. I recollect Colonel Cleveland of the militia & Colonel Campbell, Captain Robert Patton were in the service at the same time I was.

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 have no recollection of having received a discharge except a verbal one. I never left the service without leave of my Captain.

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.

Ans. I am well known to many persons in my neighborhood & in the County of Greene among whom I would name Philip Higgins, Lewis Williams, Judge Brown, Colonel Fry Sheriff of the County of Greene.

Sworn & subscribed in open court the sixth of December 1832.

S/ Danl. Allen

[Certificate of veracity and reputation given by Jehu Brown and Jacob Frye.]

Daniel Allen being duly sworn doth deposeth and say that by reason of old age & the Consequent loss

of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in his declaration to which this is supplementary & which is hereunto annexed that is to say under Captain Finazer 2 tours of 3 months each & three months under Captain Brown as mentioned in my declaration and the whole (9) nine months, that all of his services were rendered as a private soldier & for these services I claim a pension. I have no doubt of the fact that the corps in which I was contained [?] were called out by public authority but I am unable to prove the fact. That is I do not know the witnesses who could give me any information on the subject & I have not funds to bear the expense of perfecting the inquiry. The reason why I have not obtained the Certificate of a clergyman to my good character &c is that I have no acquaintance of that character in my neighborhood except Major Dodson hereinafter mentioned. The only person of the kind with whom I am acquainted in the County & who is willing & able to testify on my behalf is Elijah Dodson. He lives about 15 miles from me and promised to attend to Court & make the certificate & oath for me but he has failed to keep his engagement. His father, Major Dodson above named is a clergyman & declined attending for me on account of not having the time to spare to make the [illegible word] to the courthouse & referred me to his son Elijah. That during his military service he, this deponent, was not employed in any civil pursuit.

S/ Daniel Allen

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]