

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Allen: R113

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State of Tennessee}

Monroe County}

On this Twenty ninth day of April 1848 Personally appeared before me James Montgomery an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Allen of Monroe county aged 87 years who being first Sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. That she is the widow of John Allen who was a private in the New Jersey Line (the length of time he served or his officers names she cannot tell she thinks he enlisted in 1776 or 7) That he then removed to North Carolina and was drafted for nine Months in one or more tours in the year 1780 or 81 under Captain Scott she thinks and was at the Battle of the Cow Pens [sic: Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] She further declares that she was married to said John Allen in the year one Thousand seven hundred and eighty one or two That her husband the aforesaid John Allen died in year 1832 That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service in the continental Army but that the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 (Viz) at the time above stated Elizabeth herXmark Allen

State of Tennessee} This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the
Monroe County} peace in and for the County aforesaid William Allen and made oath that
he is son and heir of Elizabeth Allen dec'd who was an applicant for a pension under the Act of
Congress 7 July 1838 and that he claims said Pension for himself and Brother Andrew Allen the
only surviving children of said Elizabeth Allen widow of John Allen who was soldier of the New
Jersey line and also served 9 months as a Militia man North Carolina Said William Allen further
swears that his father John Allen always wrote his own name John Allen (tailor) to distinguish
himself from other John Allens and this affiant believes his father enrolled himself John Allen
(tailor) on the NJ line roll to distinguish himself from other John Allens the reason he wrote his
name John Allen tailor was because he was by trade a tailor this affiant further states he believe
his father said his captains name in the NJ service was Scott
Sworn and subscribed the 8th day of March 1850 William hisXmark Allen

State of Tennessee}

County of Monroe}

On this 3rd day of April in the year 1854 Personally appeared before the court holden on this day in and for the county and state above mentioned now in session. William Allen administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Allen (dec'd) who is the widow of John Allen (deceased) - aged 62 years a resident of the county and state aforesaid, who being first by said court sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration as an amendment to said Elizabeth Allens Decleration for a Pension from the county of Monroe State aforsaid to the pension office at Washington D.C. under act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Granting Pension to widows of persons who served in the Revolutionary War.

That he is the son and the administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Allen (dec'd) aforesaid, who is the widow of John Allen (dec'd) who reputation says is the Identical man who served and was a Captain of a company in the Northcarolina continental service in the war of the Revolution in the year 1777 from the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina and served the [illegible word] of Two years afors'd and possably sum before that date a Grade under that (and further states he is not precisely sure as to the name of the County in which he entered said service). that said Elizabeth Allen (dec'd) his mother mind was much impaired at the date she made application for said pension, and if she has alledged a different service of her said husband, it can only be attributed to her loss of memory caused from old age and infirmity at the date she made said application, and flatters himself the department will give its due

weight.

he further declares that reputation says that said Elizabeth Allen was Lawfully marrid to the said John Allen on or about the year 1780 in the county of Guilford or Rockingham in state of North carolina and that all of the service of her husband said John Allen was rendered as aforsaid - before the said marriage - and that her name was Elizabeth Martian before her said marriage - and that her husband the aforesaid John Allen died in the County of [blank] in the state of Tennessee in the year 1832 leaving at his decease said Elizabeth Allen his wife a widow who remained a widow to the date of her own death, which took place in the County of Monroe in the state of Tennessee on the 11th day of July 1849 leaving at her decease two children who is now living by her husband the Aforsaid John Allen (deceased) whose names are (this) declarant aged 62 years Andrew Allen aged 64 years - the only surviving children of the said Elizabeth Allen (dec'd) by her husband the said John Allen (dec'd) that no family Bible Record of the said John Allen (dec'd) and Elizabeth Allen his said widow showing the date of the marriage of said parties or the births of there said children is now to be found in existence either private or public and to sustain there claim to a pension. the Hon'l. Commissioner of Pension is respectfully referd to the Application of said Elizabeth Allen for a pension aforsaid on file in the pension office and the papers therein filed at the pension office at Washington City and to the Northcarolina Continental Revolutionary Rolls and the proof hereto attached - annexed, is respectfully submitted. that if he was allowed Land for s'd service he certainly fooled it away as many did

William hisXmark Allen Administrator