

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jacob Allen: R111

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Delaware, to wit;

Be it known, that on the tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, before me, James Booth, Chief-Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of the said State of Delaware, personally appeared Jacob Allen, a resident citizen of Pendacer Hundred, in the County of New Castle, in the said State of Delaware, aged sixty seven years and upwards, who being solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, doth declare and say, that about the latter part of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, he enlisted at Frederick Town, in the State of Maryland, in Captain Chaplain's Company of the sixth regiment of the Maryland line, in the Continental service; that this deponent at first enlisted for and during the term of three years; and after the expiration of the said three years, he enlisted for and during the war; that this deponent continued in the said service until the close of the war; - that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & in the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777]; - that he was in the Battle at Cambden in South Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]; and also in the Battle of Guilford Court-House [in North Carolina, 15 March 1781]; - that this deponent was wounded in the hand and in the face at the Battle of Brandywine; and was wounded in the left leg at the Battle of Cambden and taken prisoner by the British; that he was afterwards retaken by a detachment from the South Carolina Militia; - that this deponent having remained in the service until the close of the war, never received any written discharge; but received from Jeremiah John Jacobs, an officer in the sixth Maryland Regiment, a certificate of his having been in the service as aforesaid; which said certificate was left by this deponent at Annapolis in the State of Maryland, where he applied for a compensation from the last said State, for and on account of the depreciation of the Continental Money; which said Continental Money he received for his pay; and further this deponent says, that from the effect of his wounds received in the service of his country and from his shoulders having been dislocated by the fall of the branches of a tree at the Battle of Brandywine; - and from the infirmities of old age, and from his reduced circumstances, he is under the necessity of making application to his country for support. [signed] Jacob Allen

State of Delaware, New Castle County, to wit;

On this Third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, Personally appeared before the Supreme Court of the said State, in Open Court being a Court of Record for the said State expressly made so by the Laws and Constitution of the said State which created it, Jacob Allen aged upwards of Seventy two years, resident in Peneader Hundred in the County and State aforesaid, being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on his Solemn Oath declare, That he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit; in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Otho Williams, being the Sixth Maryland Regiment on the Continental establishment, in the company Commanded; that he made Application for a Pension form the United States under the Act of the eighteenth of March One thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that he made his Original Declaration in Conformity to the said Act, on the Tenth day of April in the Year last mentioned; that he has received a Pension, and the number of his Pension Certificate is Fourteen thousand four hundred and fifty one. — And I do Solemnly Swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the Eighteenth day of March One thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the Provisions of An Act of Congress, entitled “An Act to Provide for certain Persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the Eighteenth day of March One thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or Securities, Contracts, or Debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed. — And I do further Swear, that I am by Trade and occupation a Shoemaker; -

that I am unable to pursue it, by reason of the infirmities of old age; - that I have a Wife and two Daughters residing with me; that my Wife is aged about sixty years, and from bodily infirmity and old age cannot contribute to her or my support; that my eldest Daughter is aged Twenty two years any my youngest Nineteen years; neither of whom contribute to my support or that of my Wife; that they knit and spin, and can scarcely make out for themselves; - And I do further swear that I am now in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the Assistance of my Country, except by private or public Charity. - Sworn to and Declared on the 3rd day of November 1820 in Open Court.

(signed) Jacob Allen

Schedule of the Property of Jacob Allen, referred to in the preceeding Deposition.

One small Cow	\$9.00
One small Heifer	6.00
One corner Cupboard	1.25
Two old tables	1.50
Nine old Chairs	1.00
One Meattub and two old Chests	1.25
Three pots	1.12½
One Dutch Oven and tea kettle	0.75
A few old articles in his closet	0.50
One looking Glass	0.75
One Wheel barrow	0.75
Spade hoe and Shovel	0.10½
Sweeping brush and pair tongs	0.37½
	<u>\$24.43½</u>

Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court the 3rd day of november A.D. 1820.

(signed) Jacob Allen

NOTES:

Allen appears to have been one of the 75 Maryland prisoners, along with 72 from Delaware, who were liberated by Col. Francis Marion at Nelson's Ferry SC on 25 Aug 1780. It is said that Marion's partisan troops made such a poor appearance that 85 of the freed Americans refused to go with him, expressing a preference for the British prison ships at Charleston.

On 20 Jan 1846 Elizabeth Allen, 84, applied for a pension stating that she was born 12 June 1762, married Robert Wilson when she was 16 or 17, and was his widow for 12 years until she married Jacob Allen, who died in 1825. On 5 March 1846 she gave her age as 83 and stated that she married Jacob Allen on 24 July 1793, and he died 12 July 1825.