

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Charles Allen S2900

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State of Tennessee, Williamson County

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1832 before the Hon. Thomas Stuart Judge of the fourth judicial circuit for the State of Tennessee now setting for the county of Williamson, Charles Allen a resident of the county aforesaid aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act passed June 7, 1832.

That he served two campaigns during the revolutionary war. The first of which he entered the service as a volunteer in November 1779 under the following officers: Captain Charles Allen, his father, Lieut. John Hopkins, Ensign \_\_\_ [blank in the original] Richardson in the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton, and Major \_\_\_ [blank in original] Clinch and attached to the brigade commanded by Gen. Ash [sic, John Ashe]. When he was called into the service he resided in the state of North Carolina, Warren County. He joined the main army at Elizabethtown on Cape Fear River under General Ashe. He then marched with the army down the country within ten miles of Charleston, South Carolina. Then marched up the River Savannah opposite to Augusta which at that time was in the possession of the British and lay there two or three weeks. We then crossed the river and marched to Briar Creek at which place General Ashe and his army were defeated. We then recrossed the Savannah River and marched down it to Purysburg and there remained until March 1780 at which time we were discharged, making a period of five months that he served this campaign. He received a discharge from Col. Eaton which has been lost or destroyed. He does not recollect any officers of the Continental or Regular line [or] the number of any regiment or companies that he served with in the campaign except Genl. Ashe, & Gen. Elbert of Georgia.

He volunteered and entered in to the service of the United States a second time in the month of October in the year 1780 under the following officers: Capt John White, Lieutenant William Christmas, Ensign \_\_\_ [blank in original] and in the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton attached to General Butler's Brigade. He was engaged for some months in collecting and procuring cattle and provisions for the army and then immediately repaired to Guilford Courthouse and remained there until after the battle and was discharged some time in March or April following in 1781, making a term of service about 6 or 7 months. He recollects that at the battle of Guilford he served Generals Butler & Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Col Henry Dickson [sic, Dixon]. He did not recollect any other officers nor the number of the regiments and companies with which he served during this campaign. He also received a discharge for this campaign but it is lost or destroyed. When he entered this service this campaign he also lived in Warren County North Carolina and resided there after the Revolution till 1819 at which time he moved to Tennessee and has since resided in Williamson County.

He was born in Virginia in Culpepper County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1758 as appears from a record of his age in his possession copied from a book of his father's.

He knows of no persons who can prove his services. Having lost his discharge he has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove this.

The only battles in which he was engaged were the battle in which Gen Ashe got defeated at Briar Creek and the battle at Guilford Courthouse which are above related.

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.

S/ Charles Allen

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Preston Hay, Clerk &c.