

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Allen S6481

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On this 13th day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty one personally appeared before the court of Pleas and Quarters sessions in and for said county and state John Allen aged ninety five years a resident of said County of Yancey and State of North Carolina, who having first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, approved the 7th day of June 1832: (That he is an uneducated man, and never had or kept any Record or memorandum of his services, and that he is now very old and memory very deficient, and for that reason cannot state dates and occurrences in positive terms, and that his reason for not making application for a pension before this, was that he had lost his discharges many years ago, and thought he could not get one unless he could produce it which was a thing infeasible, as he took but little care of it believing it to be of no use to him whatever at that time, and that he did not know of a person living who served with him, by whom he could prove his service.) That he served his first tour in the Revolutionary War in the Militia Service of North Carolina under one Captain Hutson who he thinks was from Guilford County, N. Carolina, but cannot recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment, but is of opinion that a great portion of this Tower (sic,tour) Capt. Hutson was not under the immediate command of anyone, being principally engaged in short excursions after the Tories, and that he volunteered for the term of four months, and that as well as he can recollect he entered said service in the month of January or February 1778 and that he was at this date a citizen of Wake County and State of N. Carolina. Deponent further states that he was at home but a short time until he enlisted in the Regular service of N. Ca. which was about the last of May or first of June 1778, and that believes that he enlisted for during the war, and was under the following officers; viz: Captains Smith, Truman and Pope, and Colonels Butler [John Butler] and Williamson, and he thinks they were awhile under Col. Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], but cannot state how long, and that he was with Gen. Gates [Horatio Gates] and Gen. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], for some time, but as they were being changed about a great deal he can [not?] state the length of time or the service performed. That he was in several battles or "fights", but the greatest Battle he was in was the one fought at Guilford Court House in Guilford County N. Carolina, and that shortly after this he was taken sick and after lying for some time he was discharged from the service, and continuing sick for a long time, he on that account was never again in service. Declarant states that he cannot tell the date when he left the service for the reasons already given, but believes that he served in all something like three years and a half or four years, four months as a Militia man, and the balance in the regular service. He states if there was any difference between a State Troop and a Continental he did not know it, and for that reason cannot tell precisely which of the two he belonged to, but was always of the impression that he was in the State Service of N. Carolina. Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day and year above written.

S/ John Allen, A his mark

We Jno Wheeler-- a Clergyman residing in the county of Yancey, and state of N. Carolina and W.J. Lewis--residing in the same, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Allen who has sworn to and subscribed the forgoing declaration, that we believe him to be ninety five years of age, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, that, that opinion is general & uncontradicted, and we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed in open court day and year last written.

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