Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Allen Wood VAS5062 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I William Jennings [S5615] of the County of Elizabeth City and State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I was will acquainted with Allen Wood who was a Pilot in the Virginia State Navy who entered the service in the year 1777 and died in said service at the time which I entered the service in the Virginia State Navy Just Timing in 1776 or 1777 he the said Allen Wood was then in the Molly, as witness my hand & seal this 30th day of April 1831

Wednesday the 24th day of June 1778

Ordered that the keeper of the public store deliver to Allen Wood pilot a [undeciphered] 2½ yds of cloth, seven yards of Linen, one pair of shoes, two pair of worsted stockings. 5 yds of thin stuff for breeches two hkfs and to Peter Foster [S46443 or VAS3620] 3 yds of cloth one hat a pr. of shoes and 7 yds of Ozn [Osnaburg fabric] on their paying for the same.

The foregoing is a true extract from a book filed in this office, which appears to be a journal of J W Heath aud the Navy board.

Aud'rs Office/ 7 Feby 1832

I Jeremiah Cain Certify that I knew Allen Wood a Pilot who married James Legetts daughter. I further certify that near the conclusion of the war said Allen Wood was, employed with other Pilots to look out for the French Fleet, in order to conduct them in, and while so employed, they were taken by the British and carried to Nova Scotia, and there continued to the end of the war. Given under my hand in Norfolk this 25th July 1832 Jeremiah hisXmark Cain

Teste/ G. B. Cooke

[certified in Norfolk Borough.]

I James Webb [possibly VAS4912], of the town of Hampton hereby Certify that I knew Allen Wood, the Son of Allen Wood; which Allen, the son, was as I have understood, in the States Service, as I have every reason to believe. I do not know how long he Served, or in what capacity; But he was a Pilot when I became acquainted with him. This Allen Wood married in Princes Ann [sic: Princess Anne] County a Miss Legett of said County James Webb.

Given under my hand & seal this [blank] of July 1832 [certified in Elizabeth City County, 23 July 1832]

The deponenth James Burk [S6649] being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is about Seventv three years of age, that he was Master Gunner in the Virginia Navy, during the Revolutionary War; that he was well acquainted with Allen Wood the Son of Allen who married the Daughter of Mr. Legett of Princess Ann County Va. The said Allen Wood was in the Virginia Navy. Deponent says there were no enlistments for less than three years, that came within his knowledge but as far as he knows or believes, that said Allen Wood Served his time out and was lawfully discharged. And further than this the deponenth sayeth not.



I do hereby Certify that I was acquainted with Allen Wood the Son of Allen both of whom Resided in Hampton where I was born & have live nearly all my life Allen Wood the younger was by Profession a Pilot was a stout young Man & the Commencemet of the Revolutionary War and I have understood that he Enter'd the american Servic in the Squarden [squadron] stationd in Virginia but myself could positively charge my Memory with that fact after the war terminated he Lived some time & then Married and left this place I have often heard him Spoken of as an active man on board the the American Navy I have also understood that he Married a Miss Legate in Princessan County Virginia & further I know not [certified in Elizabeth City County, 22 Nov 1832] [signed] John S Westwood

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted [several illegible words] the American Revolution, and that he was taken a prisoner by the British, and attempted to make his escape from them, but was retaken by them, and for the offence he was hung – the [undeciphered word] circumstance was well known by many of the [undeciphered] and was frequently talked about. Given my hand this 12th day of February 1838. [Norfolk] [signed] Elizabeth Jones

Virginia Elizabeth City County to wit

This is to certify that I was acquainted with Allen Wood who was a Pilot in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary War and that the said Allen Wood was taken by the British a prisoner and that he attempted to make his escape from them but was retaken by them and was hung for the offence — this I do not know of my own knowledge but have often heard it spoken of in the time of the Revolution.

[signed] Susan Rudd

1778 Dr Allen Wood Pilot from Boat Nicholson Cr

Paid [illegible] Jany 20th 1779 per Receipt.

This is to Certify that in the original Book of Accounts of the ship Dragon of the Virginia State Navy, a list by my Father David Henderson [S5506], Midshipman & Clerk on board of the Vessel – the name of Allen Wood appears as above stated. Given under my hand this 24th March 1838.

[signed] Alex'r. Henderson

Virginia Corporation of Fredericksburg To wit

This day Alex'r Henderson who has given the within certificate, personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace for the Corporation aforesaid and states on oath that his knowledge of the Book above mentioned was derived from his Father who died in Jany 1838 and that he often spoke of it as the Book above described and repeatedly gave certificates from it, he further states that his own certificate above is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of March 1838, [undeciphered signature]