

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Allison W8

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State of Tennessee, White County: To wit:

On this 12th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of White Tennessee said John Allison, a resident of said State and County aged about seventy 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 of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service for nine months in the year 1778, in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina, under Captain William Lytle. We rendezvoused at Hillsborough; we were marched and crossed the Yadkin River at a place there called the Island Ford as well as he recollects; continuing their march they passed through Salisbury, Charlotte, Camden and crossed Santee River at Nelson's ferry; thence to Moncks Corner; thence to the Ten Mile house where we remained for a short time. From this place marched through Dogester [sic, Dorchester?] and crossed a small stream at Bacon's bridge. We then marched to Purysburg where we joined Genl Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. This Declarant belonged to the third Regiment. Col. Archibald Lytle, Captain William Lytle's' brother, was the Col. of the Regiment. We were here stationed in the winter where this Declarant was taken sick and placed in the Hospital. His brother, James Allison, then at home learning the diseased conditions of this declarant came, and procured from Genl Lincoln a furlough and took him to his father's in Orange County here he remained sick until the troops returned--when Col. Lytle gave him a discharge. He remained with his father but how long he does not recollect, when he entered the Militia service for three months. He has forgotten the names of both his Captain and Lieutenant. His sergeant's name was William Riley. The company to which he belonged with other companies were marched to Hillsborough where we remained until the expiration of our three months. The object in calling and stationing the Militia was to protect this town against the Tories. After the three months had expired he received a discharge from his Captain and returned home. Shortly after, he volunteered but for no particular time under Captain John Whitesides. His Lieutenant's name was Joseph Allison, the brother of this declarant. Genl. Butler [William Butler] was our head commander. We were marched by Genl. Butler from Orange County down to Granville old Court House, in Granville County, where we remained some time. Some of us here obtained leave to return home for the purpose of ascertaining the situation of our relatives many of whom had suffered from the depredations of the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis, who with his army had lain in the neighborhood of this declarant's father for two days and nights. When he arrived at his father's, he found his house stripped of furniture. They had taken a wagon and team from his father and as much corn as they could carry. This property was never regained. He remained at his father's one day and then went immediately and joined the troops of Guilford. The militia were here discharged after remaining a few days and this declarant returned again to his father's. This was shortly prior to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He had no documentary evidence by which he can establish the foregoing; nor does he know of any person whose

testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

Answers to the Questions propounded by the Court in pursuance to the instructions of the War Department.

1. He was born Eight miles North of Hillsborough in Orange County North Carolina. In the year 1762 according to the best information he has upon the subject.
2. He has no record of his age. My age was recorded in the family Bible; what has become of it he is unable to say.
3. He was living with his father in Orange County North Carolina when called into service each time as stated above.
4. After the close of the Revolutionary War he continued to reside in Orange within three miles of his fathers for a number of years. When he removed to Jackson County Tennessee where he resided one year. He then moved to the County of White Tennessee where he now lives and has lived ever since.
5. He has stated most of the regular officers with the troops where he served and the general circumstances of his service as well as he can now recollect.
6. He is not certain that he ever received but on written discharge. That was from Col. Archibald Lytle and has long since been lost. He will here state that his first tour of service was as a substitute for his brother James Allison. His second as a substitute for James Clarke. The last as a volunteer as already stated.

He states the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution: Rev. Hezekiah Dildine, George Wilch, Esqr., William Hitchcock, Esqr., Col. Jose C. Dew & Zachariah Sullins & Barnet Kemp.

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.

S/ John Allison, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 12 Oct. 1832

Test: S/ Jacob Adams, Clerk

By: S/ A. Asoham, D. C.

State of Tennessee, White County: May 3, 1833

Personally appeared before me: the undersigned is a Justice of the Peace in and for said County. John Allison who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of Old age, and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection be served not less, than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades Viz:

1. His first tour of duty mentioned in his declaration; was not less than nine months, and he served it out as a private soldier in which capacity he performed.
2. His second tour was for three months as stated in his Declaration with sufficient certainty.
3. His third tour, which is very vaguely stated in his Declaration, he can safely say, was no less than two months. He believes it was for a longer period, but is not certain, and therefore sets it down at two months. He repeats it, that he served as a private soldier, the whole of the time he was engaged in the service of his County.

As to the officers under whom he served, he cannot add anything to what is stated in his Declaration, having then given all the information he possible can give.

He claims a pension for Fourteen months service, sworn to and subscribed this date above written.

S/ James Cooper Justice of the peace

S/ John Allison

[Note: no "x" used by Allison to sign this document]