

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Gauyn Allison R156

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State of Pennsylvania

Allegheny County

On the fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty four Gaun Allison a resident of St. Clair Township in the State and County aforesaid aged seventy five years, personally appeared in open Court, and being 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 passed the 7th June 1832. In the month of August seventeen hundred and seventy six I was drafted as a Militia man in the Army of the United States under Colonel Cannon [probably Charles Cameron] and Lieutenant Colonel [Dorsey] Penticost, Thomas Rancan [sic: Thomas Rankin] was Lieutenant and Samuel Smith Ensign, we served two weeks in the field in the vicinity of Fort Pitt [at present Pittsburgh] called out under the authority of the State of Virginia and I was not employed during said period in any civil or domestic employment. I was again drafted as a militia man in 1777 in the month of August under Captain Swearingen [probably Josiah Swearingen] and served in the field at Mingo bottom in the State of Virginia for one month, was called out by the Authority of Virginia and was not during the said one months service engaged in any civil employment. My next tour commenced in June 1778, served on Chartiers Creek in Washington County now in Allegheny County Pennsylvania one month under William Hays Sergeant and Captain Swearingen in the field under the Authority of the State of Virginia and was not engaged in said time in any Civil employment. I was drafted again in 1779 in the month of August served in scouting parties on Montours Bottom in now Allegheny County Penna for one month in active service in the field under competent authority called out by the State of Virginia, under Captain Ritchey and Captain Scott, and I was not engaged during said time in any Civil employment. I was then drafted in August 1780 and served one month in Virginia under Captain Swearingen at Buffaloe & West Liberty under the Authority of the State of Virginia as a Militia Man in the field and was not employed during that period in any Civil employment. I was drafted as a Militia man for the last time in March 1781 and served at Wheeling Creek Virginia in the field for one month as a scouting party under Lieutenant George Sharp, called out under the Authority of of the State of Pennsylvania and was not engaged during said month in any Civil employment and during said month we were sometimes stationed at the house of Robert Carl on the waters of Wheeling Creek. At the periods that I was drafted as aforesaid I was residing in Washington County now Allegheny County Pennsylvania but we were then under the jurisdiction of Virginia. During said five and a half months service I was not in any engagement and I served in no higher grade than a private I cannot in consequence of loss of memory state the date of the month at each time I entered the service or left it, nor have I any written discharges – it was not usual to give written discharges to Militia Men. I was born in January 1759 in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. I have a memorandum of my age & when I was born on a piece of paper at home. I have lived since the Revolutionary War and now live in St Clair Township in Allegheny County State of Pennsylvania. I have named all the officers under whom I served at Fort Pitt & near it. I recollect Captain Owens Captain Breesenberger and Captain Samuel Mason. Rev'd John Dickey and James Henry will testify to my character and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

[signed] Gauyon Allison

Interrogatories propounded to Gaun Allison an applicant for Pension in open Court this 9 July 1834

1. Where and in what year were you Born?

Answer – In Lancaster County Pennsylvania on the 28 day of January 1759.

2. Have you any Record of your age & if so, where is it?

Answer – I have memorandum on paper taken from the family Bible containing the date of my own birth & of all the family.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer – When called into service I lived in Washington county Penna over which Virginia claimed jurisdiction. Since the Revolution I have lived in Allegheny county Penna St Clair Township, and I now live in the last mentioned county

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? and if a substitute for whom?

Answer – I was drafted and served as private in the militia.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served – such continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer – In addition to those named in my Declaration, I can name Capt Waggoner. In consequence of old age and loss of memory I cannot recollect others. The general circumstances of my service are set forth in my Declaration hereto attached.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer – I always rec'd a verbal discharge from the Capt of the company & never received a a written discharge.

7. State the names of persons in your present neighbourhood to whom you are known and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer – Rev John Dickey and James Henry

Washington County Ss

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said county personally came Archibald Allison of Chartiers township in the said county, personally known to me and a credible witness, who on his solemn oath did depose and say that between the year 1776 and 1790 he knows that his brother Guian Allison rendered the following services as a militia man towit one month at the Mingo bottom on the Ohio River, one month at West liberty in Virginia, one month at Fort Pitt, one month on Wheeling waters, one month on Montours bottom on the Ohio River and one month at Washington guarding a prisoner confined in the Jail for some offence, this service was performed under Captain Andrew Swearingen, by whom he was drafted for that service and it was understood at the time as equivalent to a tour of duty on the frontier. The several tours of duty above mentioned were performed under Captains William Price and Andrew Swearingen, he does not now recollect the names of any other officers, he never was out along with his brother, but they lived together and he well remembers seeing him going and returning from the tours above stated. In addition to the facts above stated, the deponent recollects that his said brother Guion Allison on several occasions when there was an alarm of Indians on the frontier, volunteered and went out along with others, sometimes for three or four days and at other time was gone as much as ten days and on all occasions of the kind, he found his own arms, ammunition & provisions –
And further saith not –

[signed 30 Oct 1832] Archibald Allison