

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Allen Jeffers S1770

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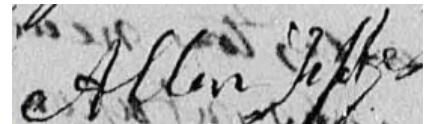
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Richland District }

On this second day of October [1832] personally appeared in open court before Jonah J. Evans one of the Judges of the Court of Special(?) & Common Pleas, Presiding at the Court now sitting Allen Jeffers a resident of the district and State aforesaid, aged seventy eight years on the twenty ninth day of December next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He enlisted May the twelfth 1778 under Captain [Richard] Brown in Col. [William] Thomson's regiment third Regiment Continentals, Col. Thomson had commanded the 3rd Regiment of Rangers before that. That he enlisted for three years. They went down to Charleston immediately upon being enlisted and joined the corps and lay in Charleston nearly a year. They were stationed in the barracks out upon the green. The Regiment then marched out of Charleston to Savannah, at Savannah he was in a brush before the first Battle [9 Oct 1779], and afterward was in the first Battle of Savannah when the French came in to assist there and often saw Pulaski, who was wounded at this battle and his thigh cut off he died [11 Oct] & was carried to Charleston afterward & was buried there. Before this battle he was placed under the command of Capt. Geo. Little [sic: George Liddell] who commanded the company for a while & there it was put under the command of Capt. Felix Worley [sic: Felix Warley]. They were then marched up Savannah River to Purisburgh (sic: Purysburgh SC). Does not remember the date of the Battle of Savannah, but it was some time before the Fall of Charleston [12 May 1780]. Gen. Isaac Huger commanded the attacking forces on Savannah [sic: Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief]. Lay at Purisburgh awhile & marched on from there to Charleston & was stationed there until the Fall of the city. He was there taken prisoner & parolled. Charleston was taken in 1780, he believes it was in May, but it has been so long. It was any how in the Spring of the year. He rec'd a discharge, but it has been worn out or lost long ago. The applicant was born in North Carolina, but brought to South Carolina when a child & does not recollect the place but from hearsay, on Pamplico River (sic: Pamlico River), he has no record of his age. He was living in the district & state aforesaid when he enlisted, on the Fork of Congaree & Wateree, where he has lived ever since the war & where he now resides. He was drafted in '75 and served in the Snow Camps, during his other service he enlisted as stated above, he was never a substitute. In Charleston before Charleston was taken while deponent lay there, Col. [William] Henderson commanded there after Col. Thomson retired. At Savannah Col. Huger commanded his regiment & was afterward made a general. His discharge was given to him by Col. Henderson. Mr. Robert Weston Jr. Mr. John Scott, Col. W. Moye & every one who lives in his neighbourhood know him & can testify as to his veracity.

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.

James S. Guignard/ Clerk

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Allen Jeffers", is written over a light-colored, textured background.

[2 Oct 1832]      Personally appeared in open Court, Gideon and Morgan Griffin [Gideon Griffin, pension application W8877 and Morgan Griffin, S18844] who being duly sworn state that they knew Allen Jeffers the applicant & they knew he served three years in the Revolution the Continental Service under Col. Wm. Thomson in Capt Brown's Company in which Company the deponents also enlisted &

served with him. He enlisted afterwards in the State Troops for ten months & served his time out. He is an honest good old man, of veracity.      Gideon hisDmark Griffin      Morgan hisXmark Griffin

NOTES:

*Forgotten Patriots* published by DAR lists Allen Jeffers as African American.

On 8 June 1835 Allen Jeffers applied to have his pension payable in Tennessee, having moved to Rhea County for the following reason: "that he lived with his son in law, his wife being dead That when his son in law moved from South Carolina to Rhea County in the State of Tennessee he came with him, having no person in South Carolina to whom he was related, that would take charge of him." the application was certified by Jeremiah Wilson.

A Treasury-Department document states that a child of Allen Jeffers received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 11 May 1839.