Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Conrad Aller S22080 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Capitalization partly corrected.]

Pennsylvania } On the 23^d day of September 1833 Personally appeared in open Court Washington County Ss } before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas Conrad Aller a Resident of Westbethlehem Twonship in the County of Washington Pennsylvania

Aged about Eighty three years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefits of the act of Congress Pased June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the faul of the year 1777 I Volunteered to go as a substitute for a young Man who was drafted under Capt Charles Morrow for the term of three months. (the young mans name I cannot Recollect) We marched from Shepherds town in the State of Virginia [Shepherdstown in present WV] under Col. Pennelton [sic: Philip Pendleton] on to Frederick town where we Expected to join with several other Companies but were disappointed. the Company to which I belonged marched on to go to Germantown to join General Washingtons Army but the memorable battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] took place before we could get there. Washingtons Armey had left that and we joined them some distance from there where we encamped and remained untill my time for which I had volunteered was up. I then returned home to Shepherdstown Virginia some short time before Christmas in the same year In this tour I was in the service the full term of three months. I remained at Shepherdstown Virginia untill the next faul 1778 then I was drafted under Capt Swearigen [sic: Van Swearingen] for three months and marched under Col. John Morrow from Shepherdstown. We marched westward crossed the Ohio River some distance below Pittsburgh near the mouth of big Beaver where we joined the army under General Mcintosh [Lachlan McIntosh]. here we remained for some time and were employed in building the fort known by the name of fort Mcintosh. Part of the Army then proceeded to the Tuscaraway River where we encamped and were engaged in building fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River, finished Jan 1779] after remaining here some time I was discharged. I then started for home in company with several others who lived near to Shepherdstown Virginia. we marched back the same road that we came from fort Mcintosh on our way back to fort Mcintosh we were almost starved for we had nothing to subsist upon only a little corn that was left on the ground where the animals were fed on our way going out to tuscaraway. I returned home to Shepherdstown between Christmas and new years in the same year after serving a very laborious tour of three months. In the foregoing statement I have been as particular as my frail memory and extreme old age will permit with regard to the dates and particular times of my services. these I have stated with as much accuracy as I can as to the actual service I feel quite safe in swearing that I served the full term of six months. I was born about the year 1750 I have no record of my age but state it according to the best of my recollection when I entered the service I lived in Shepherdstown state of Virginia from thence I removed to Washington county state of Pennsylvania about the year 1796 and have lived here ever since. I am not able to state any more of the officers names than what I have already stated and am not positive that I have given the name of the first Colonel that I marched under correct, at that time I was so much of a German that I did not understand the English language well & therefore may be mistaken as to the Colonels name.

I was legally discharged by the officers under whom I served but am not able to say whether I got a written discharge or not.

I am well known by Geo Hipple John Nestrich who can testify to my character for varacity and who believe that I was a soldier of the Revolution I know of no witness whom I can procure to prove my services nor have I any documentary testimony to that point

I do hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. I have no clergyman to vouch for me the clergyman to whose congregation I belong having lately removed to the state of Ohio

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