## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of Allison Fleming S6857 Transcribed by Will Graves

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## State of North Carolina Rowan County

On this 20th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Magistrates who are Judges of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, the same being a Court of Record Allison Fleming a resident of Rowan County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years 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 7th, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Kent in the State of Delaware; that he has a record of his age at home which states that he was born the 6th day of April 1759; That he removed to Rowan County North Carolina at the age of about twelve years; where he has resided ever since.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Rowan County in Captain Joseph Dickson's Company and joined Colonel Paisley's [John Paisley's] Regiment at a place called Kershaw's Mill on town Creek near what was called Pine tree now Camden in South Carolina and served there for three months, at the end of which time he returned home.

That he was afterwards drafted as a common soldier in Rowan County and marched under Captain James Huggins and joined the General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army near the Catawba River and was at the battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] in Lincoln County North Carolina afterwards marched to Salisbury and from thence down the Yadkin and Pedee and joined General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] Army, and was at the battle at Gum Swamp near Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] where General Gates' Army was totally routed: that he with some of the other troops afterwards rallied and assembled at Charlotte NC where he served the remainder of his three months, for which he had been drafted.

Besides these two tours of service he was what was called a minute man -- which was; that the soldiers bound themselves by promise to go instantly when called upon by any of the officers on any military service that might be thought necessary or practicable for an uncertain time; those terms of irregular military service generally lasted but a few days at a time -- and declarant thinks that his services in this manner amounted to about two months or perhaps more; as he has lately been visited by a paralytic stroke which has much impaired his memory. He further states that he hired a substitute for a term of three months to perform military service in his room and place when he was drafted. That he has no documentary evidence of his service & refers to the testimony of John Carrigan and James Kerr who served with him.

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 within his

knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid. S/ Jno. Giles, Clerk

S/ Allison Fleming

Note the above applicant Allison Fleming expects to produce direct evidence of his service: but those persons who served with him were unable to attend Court. S. Gilliman Alto.

We John Carrigan and James Kerr resident in Rowan County do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Allison Fleming who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration, that we believe him to be Seventy-three years of age, that each of us served with him in the Army part of the time he mentions and having full confidence in his integrity and veracity we believe that he served as he states.

Sworn and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jno Giles, Clerk

S/ John Carrigan

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The foregoing declaration and certificates having been returned by the War Department with objections, the applicant Allison Fleming appeared before Hugh Parks an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Rowan County North Carolina and offered the following amendment and explanation to his Declaration on oath. That his first tour as a private militia Soldier in Captain Dickson's Company continued three months in the year 1779 as he believes. That his second tour of service was as a private militia Soldier and continued three months and was in the summer of the year 1780, and that his service as a minute man and private commenced in the year 1779 and continued at intervals until the fall of the year 1781, and that the whole time would when added together be at the least two months. That no clergyman acquainted with him resides within any reasonable distance of him and at a still greater distance from the Court house and he could not procure the attendance of any.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 12th day of June 1833.

S/ Hugh Parks, JP

S/ Allison Fleming

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]