Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Paul Allen S8010 f13NC
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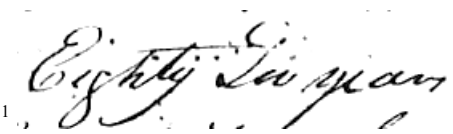
State of North Carolina, Anson County

On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Paul Allen a resident Citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty Two [?][1] of 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I volunteered my Service in the County of Pitt State of North Carolina in the month of February in the year 1780 for no Stated time in Captain Harmon Herrin's [probably Armwell Herron] Company in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Herritage [John Herritage]. Marched to Wilmington and thence down the Sound and continued there until the month of June 1780 Captain Herrin marched back to Pitt County and I was discharged Served this time four months. I volunteered again in the County of Pitt in the Month of July 1780 in Captain Proctor's [Jesse Proctor's] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hermitage. Marched to New Burn thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] where we were Stationed until the month of October 1780 at which Place and time I was discharged by Colonel Hermitage having Served this time three months. I received discharges for both the above tours but have lost them. In the month of March 1781 a Regiment was raised by the State for men to Serve Twelve months. Colonel Herritage Commanded this Regiment John Allen was the Major. I was promoted to the office of Ensign in Captain Herrin's Company. I received a Commission from Col. Hermitage signed by Governor Caswell [Richard Caswell]. This Regiment was ordered to Swansboro to Guard and Protect some Military Stores which was to be sent to that place. I marched to Swansboro when we reached this place orders had been received from Major General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] for some Arms and Clothing to be forwarded to Camden. Captain Herrin Started with his Company with the Arms and Clothing. We met with a detachment of men who had come from General Greene's Army. We met them 20 miles South of Wilmington and delivered over the Arms and Clothing and returned back to Swansboro where we received news of the Lord Cornwallis marching through the State to Virginia. Col. Herritage [marched] his Regiment to Roan Oak [sic, Roanoke] River, the British Army had passed on to York in Virginia we marched

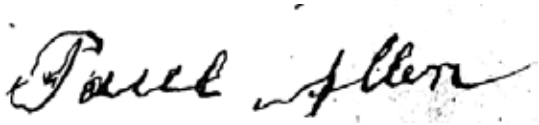


[1] Eighty Two

back to Pitt County to keep the Tories in check in [sic, and] remained in the Service until the month of November 1781 when the Regiment was disbanded. I served as a private in all seven months and in the office of Ensign eight months. I destroyed by Commission when we were marching in pursuit of British forces for fear that if taken and the commission found with me I should be ill treated by the Enemy.

I hereby relinquish 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. I Served with no Regular officers nor have I any Documentary evidence nor do I know of any living witness who can testify to my Services as a Soldier of the revolution.

1st: Where and in what year were you born?
Answer. I was born in Pitt County March 7th, 1750
2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?
Answer. I have a record of my age in my Family Bible at home.
3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?
Answer. I lived in Pitt County when called into Service and continued to Reside in said County until some years after the war I moved to Anson County where I now reside.
4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?
Answer. I volunteered.
5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.
Answer. I served with no Regular officers or Regiments nor do I know the Militia Regiment or Officers which I served with.
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?
Answer. I received discharges but have lost them.
Did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?
Answer. I received a Commission from Col. Heritage Signed by Governor Caswell which I destroyed as stated in my declaration.
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.
Answer. The Rev. John Culpeper, Joseph Medley
Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. S/ Paul Allen



[John Culpepper, a clergyman, and Joseph Medley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $103.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and as an Ensign for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]