

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Allen Gay <sup>1</sup> W1033  
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State of Georgia, Coweta County:

On this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us John D. Hinton, Samuel Echols & Henry Henderson Judges of the Inferior Court of the County of Coweta now sitting Allen Gay, a resident of the County of Coweta and State of Georgia aged 67 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. I entered the Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1781 and retired from the service in the Spring of 1782 having served a tour of nine months when I entered the service I was living in Franklin County N. C., I entered the Service in the company of Captain Robert Raiford, of the first Battalion, first Regiment North Carolina Militia the Battalion was commanded by Major Blount [Reading Blount], and the Regiment was commanded by Col. Dickson [probably Henry "Hal" Dixon], I served but one tour, I entered the service as a Substitute in the place of my father, who was drafted for a nine months tour, when my Regiment Joined the Main Army they were encamped near Camden S. C. the whole Army was commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene], I was in the Battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person, whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my service. I 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,

S/ Allen Gay



Sworn to, and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before us

S/ Jno D. Hinton, JIC

S/ John D. Echols, JIC

S/ Henry Henderson, JIC

### Interrogatories & Answers

Interrogatory 1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Northampton County North Carolina in the [year] 1765

Int. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer 2 I have a Bible, with the date of my birth entered by my father

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt26060-160-55

Int. 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer 3 I was living in Franklin County N. C. and continued to live there, three years after the war, when I moved to Georgia and have lived in Georgia & and am living now in Coweta County Georgia

Int. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer 4 I was a Substitute in place of my father

Int. 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer 5 I knew General Greene, Colonel Dickson, Major Blount, and Captain Raiford, there was men from Virginia, North Carolina & the Continental, but they were always in camp a part and I got acquainted with no officers, but those of my Regiment, the general circumstances of service, as nearly what I have stated, after my company joined the Regiment in North Carolina we were marched to the Main Army which lay encamped near Camden S. C.

Int. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6 I did receive a discharge, and it was signed by my Captain Robert Raiford, I gave it up to the pay master, in Halifax (as well as I can now recollect) when I went there some time after I had been discharged from the service, for the purpose of getting some old Continental money, which we were paid off with, and I have never seen it since --

Int. 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer 7 Moses Kelly in Nicholas Dyer

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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S/ Henry Henderson, JIC

[Moses Kelly, a clergyman, and Nicholas Dyer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On September 6, 1853, Anna Gay filed in Coweta County for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Allen Gay; that she married him on October 10, 1824; and that he died June 18, 1847.]

[facts in file: Ann Benton and Allen Gay were married October 10, 1824, in Henry County, Ga.; she was still living in Coweta County in 1868.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]