Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Allison W4112 Rebecca Allison VA
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Georgia } At a Court of Ordinary held in and for the County & State aforesaid on the Wilkes County } fourth day of November Eighteen hundred and Thirty Nine Present Their Honors Thomas Anderson Richard J Willis & William Pool Esquires On this fourth day of November Eighteen hundred and Thirty nine personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary of said County and State Rebecca Allison a Resident of said County and State aged Seventy Six years who first being Duly Sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the Following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress Passed July Seventh Eighteen hundred Thirty Eight entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows That she is the widow of John Allison who was a Lieutenant Colonel of the Virginia line on State Establishment in the army of the Revolution The evidence of his service will be found in the war office & by document obtained from the office of Virginia which accompany this Declaration [not found]. That she further declares that she was married to the said John Allison on the Twenty fourth day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight That her Husband the aforesaid John Allison died on the Sixteenth Day of April One Thousand Eight Hundred & three. That she was not marred to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January One Thousand Seven Hundred & ninety four Viz) at the time above stated she further states that she has never been married since his Death Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written in open Court viz Nov 4th1839 Rebecca Allison

[On 22 June 1836 Rebecca C. Allison applied for federal bounty land, stating that her late husband Lt. Col. John Allison served until 1782 in Col. George Gibson's regiment.]

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. Some of the online images are misfiled with those of John Alling.]

Washington Georgia/ October 16th 1811

Sir I take the liberty of addressing the annexed claim for Military services, to your Excellency in consequence of seeing a public Notice (in the National Intelligencer) of the Council of Virginia respecting claims by Officers & Soldiers who served in the Virginia Continental establishment Colo. John Allison served as Lieut. Colonel in the Virginia continental establishment (but in what Regiment I am not able to say as very few of those brave men who were in service with him re now alive but I have no doubt but that his name is enrolled in the proper office as I have been told he was an officer of reputation (he was from Alexandria & perhaps some of his acquaintances are now living who could testify

He died in this Town in April 1803 Appointed me his Executor & left the original of the annexed papers (supposing the claim sufficient) & desired in his Will, that those Lands might be sold for the purpose of educating & supporting his family. I have made every enquiry in the Western Country, to investigate them earlier, without any satisfactory information & now beg leave to trouble your Excellency & [undeciphered word] solicit for the benefit of the distressed widow & orphans your attention to this interesting subject, if there is any deficiency in the claim that your Excellency will have this application placed in a proper [undeciphered word] for the recovering of the lands or an equivalent, & that you will please [undeciphered word] the proper officer to write me on the subjet. Respectfully your mo. Obt & humble Serv't Gilbert Hay

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Description of Land, in Kentucky} \\ \text{No } 52-1200 \text{ Acres Located on the missisipi near the Ohio} \end{array}$

- 215 1200 Acres Located on waters Tenassee onthe south side near mouth
- 382 1200 Acres Located on branches of Missisipi near the iron banks
- 490 1200 Acres Located on Clarks river south side Tenasee
- 501 1200 Acres Located on Redstone creek a branch of Ohio emtying in near the mouth of Ohio 6000

The above Lands are not surveyed in consequence of their being in the Lands claimed by the Indians which the Governor of Virginia by his proclamation (I think) of january 1785 forbid the surveying of untill the indians title was extinguished – part of the above Lands are claimed by individuals who entered them on Treasury warrants before the military warrants were entered. Lawyers differ in opinion respecting the two claims. Some say the military. Others that the treasury warrant claims will be best. There has been six pounds 19 shilling received on account of Colonel John Allison on account of getting the above 6000 acres of Land surveyed.

{Inquire of Capt Robert Kirk Big Barreas near red river also of Colonel Richard Clough Auxier, in} {Louisville Kentucky

[Followed by more detailed descriptions of the lands.]

Warrant No 122 for 6000 acres issued to John Allison for his services as a Lieut. Colo. of the State Line 3 years. No grant appears to have iss'd from this office for any part of said warrant. The warrant is dated 11 Feb'y 1783. [undeciphered] Blagrove Reg'r

Land Office/ Octo 1811

The Petition of Wm. C Allison son & heir of Col. Jno. Allison of the 1st Reg't of the Va State Line during the Revolution, respectfully states that his ancestor was an Officer in said Reg't as early as the 18th day of April 1776 and continued in active service until the year 1782 (20 Dec) when he became a Supernumerary and remained as such until the end of the war. He rec'd 6000 acres of land only and prays that he may be allowed the additional quantity due for 1 year 5 months & 15 days service over six years.

Wm. C. Allison by his attorney Thos. Green

The memorial of Rebecca Allison respectfully states that she is the sole heir of Lt. Col. John Allison of the State line in the Revolution, and has recd Land bounty for his Seventh years service whereas the records shew that he was in service [undeciphered word] nearly the beginning to the very end of the war.

The affidavits of Charles L Broadwater [Charles Lewis Broadwater, pension application S8096] by John Adams filed with the application of Windsor Brown [BLWt1816-300] [undeciphered word] shew that Col. Allison was in service as early as January 1776.

You memorialist prays the allowance from January 1776 to the 3 Nov. 1783 deducting what has already been allowed.

Rebecca Allison by her atto T Green

NOTES:

According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra A *Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*, John Allison became a Major in the first Regiment of the Virginia State Line on 2 Feb 1775 and was promoted to Lt. Col. in Feb 1778. He appears to have been the same Capt. John Allison mentioned by Sanchez-Saavedra in the Virginia Marine Corps in 1776, in which Windsor Brown was a Lieutenant.

A copy of the marriage record in the federal file states that John Allison and Rebecca McCrea were married in Fairfax County VA on 24 April 1788.

John Allison's will dated 14 Apr 1803 divided his estate equally among his wife and children Robert McRea Allison, William Candour Allison, James Allison, and John Allison. He further devised 6000 acres on Licking Creek in Fleming County KY to which he was due for his services as a Colonel in the Virginia Line, to be divided among sons Robert, William, James, and John as soon as Robert became of legal age. On 13 Jan 1831 Nancy A. McRea and Thomas Terrell deposed that John Allison, Jr. died in

1803, James Allison died in 1805, and Robert McCrea Allison died in 1821, all without issue, leaving William C. Allison as the only remaining child and heir of John Allison, Sr. William C. Allison died in 1832 before May.