## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Allen W5603 Ann Allen VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 10 Dec 2016.

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Ann Allen, aged about 78 years, who being first 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of John Allen, late of Charlotte County, Virginia, who was a Sergeant of the Continental line, in the War of the Revolution. That she knows nothing as coming within her personal knowledge relative to the services of her late husband in the War of the Revolution, and therefore refers for particulars to the Records of the Army, and the accompanying certificates of those who served with him –

She further declares that she was married to the said John Allen on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1782; that her husband, the aforesaid John Allen, died on the 1st day of November, 1816; that she was not married to him, prior to his leiving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninty four: to wit, at the time above stated. Witness Lucy S Allen Ann herXmark Allen

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [15 Dec 1838]

I do hereby Certify, that I was acquainted with John Allen, late of Charlotte, in the War of the Revolution; and know the fact from personal knowledge, that he enlisted in 1777, under Capt Michaux for the term of three years, and was attached to the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Charles Lewis. I also recollect, that shortly after enlistment, he was made Sergeant in the company, and continued to act in that capacity untill his term of enlistment expired.

I am in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of my age, and was soldier in the War of the Revolution. William & hamlett

William P. Hamlett [S13305]

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [4 Feb 1839]

I do hereby Certify, that John Allen late of Charlotte, was a soldier and Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution: About the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1777, Capt Joseph Michaux [VAS882], late of Cumberland, was recruiting [in Charlotte County] for Regular soldiers, and recollect distinctly he enlisted said John Allen for the term of three years. That shortly after said enlistment he was made a Sergeant in the Company, marched to the North, was engaged in several battles and served the said term faithfully as Sergeant. The company of Capt Michaux was attached to the 14th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel [Charles] Lewis. The said John Allen was afterwards in other service under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in the South

Thomas his Xmark Harvey [Thomas Harvey R4715]

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of John Allen deceased late of Charlotte who was a Soldier and Sergeant of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution; Respectfully sheweth:

That your Memorialist were too young to have any personal knowledge of the services of their late Father in the war of the Revolution: but have understood and believe the same to be true that their Father the said John Allen about March 1777, enlisted under Capt Joseph Michaux for the term of Three years and was attached to the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis. That subsequent to said enlistment, he was made a Sergeant of the Company, in which rank and capacity he continued to act untill the term of enlistment expired. All of which will more readily appear by reference to the accompanying certificates of old soldiers, who served with him, and the Public Records of the Continental line at the time, which are prayed to be considered a part of the Memorial.

Your Memorialist further state, that the said John Allen in his life time never applied for, or drew the Land Bounty promised by the State of Virginia to her officers and soldiers of the Continental line: nor have the Heirs of said John Allen ever applied for, or drawn the said Land Bounty, since the death of said John Allen.

Your Memorialist therefore pray, that your Excellency will grant them the usual quantity of Land allowed a Sergeant of the Continental line, for three years service, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

[19 Nov 1838]

James Allen

[The file also contains a statement by William P. Hamlett similar to the one above with the same date.]

## NOTE:

The file includes a letter to the Pension Office from the Clerk of Louisa County VA dated 23 Oct 1838 stating in part: "I find a marriage bond given by John A. Allen who married Patsy Chewning on the 1st Aug't. 1793 but it does not appear that any license issued to John Allen to marry Ann Sims in this county from 1783 to 1794." On 17 Dec 1838 Sims Allen signed a statement that he had personal knowledge of the death of John Allen. On 9 Aug 1843 Ann Allen, 82, applied for a pension under a later act, witnessed by James Allen and Lucy S. Allen. It was certified that Ann Allen was an invalid "unable to go abroad for many years."

The following family record was certified to have been taken out of the family Bible.

The age my self wif and Childrn

John Allen was born July 1sth 1757

Ann Allen his wife was born Sept 13th 1760

And was Married to Ann his wif November 14th 1782

James Allen ther firt born was born Febru'a 14th 1784

Sarah Allen ther daughter was bor Nov'r. 10<sup>th</sup> 1785

Sims Allen ther son was born July 3<sup>d</sup> 1787

Lucy Sims Allen was born November 27th 1789

Nancy Allen was born October 6<sup>th</sup> 1790

The age of my daughter Rowletts Children

Loucy Cims Rowlett was born February 21 1805

William Philip Rowlett was born November 29<sup>th</sup> 1806

John James was born June 17th 1810

[Other side] Mary Ann Allen Rowlett

John Allen died November the 1<sup>th</sup> 1816 about six oclock in the morning