

John Allison/Ellison
Revolutionary War Soldier
Pension Request
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On this 12 day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of White Tennessee said John Allison, a resident of said State and County aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress....June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following....officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service for nine months in the year 1778, in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina, under Captain William Tythe. We rendezvoused at Hillsborough we were marched and crossed the Zadkin River at a place there called the Island Ford as well as he recollects continuing their march they passed through Salisbury, Charlotte, Ca....? and crossed Sautee River at Melsons ferry....? to? Corner, there to the? Mile house where we remained for a short time. From this place marched through Dogester (Dorchester?) and crossed a small stream at Bacon's bridge. We then marched to Pur--sburg where we joined General Lincoln. This Declarant belonged to the third Regiment. Col. Archibald Sythe Captain William Sythe's' brother was the Col. of the Regiment. We were here stationed in the winter where this Declarant was taken sick and place in the Hospital. His brother James Allison there at home learning the diseased conditions of this declarant came, and procured from General Lincoln a furlough and took him to his fathers in Orange County here he remained sick until the troops returned where Col. Sythe gave him a discharge. He remained with his father but how long he does not recollect, when he entered the Military service for three months. He has forgotten the names of both his Captain and Lieutenant. His sergeants name was William Riley. The company to which he belong with other companies were marched to Hillsborough where we remained until the expiration of our three months. The object in calling and stationing the Militia was to protect this town against the Tories. After the three months had expired he received a discharge from his Captain John Whitiside. His Lieutenant's name was Joseph Allison the brother of this declarant. Genl. Butler was our head commander. We were marched by Genl. Butler from Orange County down to Granville old Court House, in Cranville County, where we remained some time. Some of us here obtained leave to return home for the purpose of ascertaining the situation of our relatives many of whom had suffered from the depredations of the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis, who with his army had lain in the neighborhood of this declarants father for two days and nights. When he arrived at his fathers he found his house stripped of furniture. They had taken a wagon and team from his father and as much corn as they could carry. This property was never regained. He remained at his fathers one day and then went immediately and

joined the troops of Guilford. The militia were here discharged after remaining a few days and this declarant returned again to his fathers. This was shortly prior to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He had no documentary evidence by which he can establish the foregoing; nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

Answers to the Questions profounded by the Court in pursuance to the instructions of the War Department.

1. He was born Eight miles North of Hillsborough in Orange County North Carolina. In the year 1762 according to the best information he has upon the subject.
2. He has no record of his age. My age was recorded in the family Bible. What has become of it he is unable to say.
3. He was living with his father in Orange County North Carolina when called into service each time as stated above.
4. After the close of the Revolutionary War he continued to reside in Orange within three miles of his fathers for a number of years. When he removed to Jackson County Tennessee where he resided one year. He then moved to the County of White Tennessee where he now lives and has lived ever since.
5. He has stated most of the regular officers with the troops where he served and the general circumstances of his service as well as he can now recollect.
6. He is not certain that he ever received but on written discharge. That was from Col. Archibald Sythe and has long since been lost. He will here state that his first tour of service was as a substitute for his brother James Allison. His second as a substitute for James Clarke. The last as a volunteer as already stated. He states the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to ? in Open Court. 12 October 1832

Gen Jacob ? Clk

By N. ?

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John X Allison
mark

3 May 1833
State of Tennessee
County of White

Personally appeared before me: the undersigned is a Justice of the Peace in and for said County. John Allison who being duly sworn ? and saith, that by reason of Old age, and the loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less, than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades Viz:

1. His first tour of duty mentioned in his declaration; was not less than nine months, and he served it out as a private soldier in which capacity he performed.
2. His second tour was for three months as stated in his Declaration with sufficient certainty.
3. His third tour, which is very vaguely stated in his Declaration, he can safely say, was no less than two months. He believes it was for a longer period, but is not certain, and therefore sets it down at two months. He repeats it, that he served as a private soldier, the whole of the time he was engaged in the service Of his County. As to the officers under whome he served, he cannot add anything to what is stated in his Declaration, having then given all the information he possible can give.

He claims a pension for Fourteen months service, sworn to and subscribed this date above written.

James Cooper
Justice of the peace

John Allison

Allison, John or Ellison, Rev. Soldier, White Co. Tenn.
, Sarah.....Putnam Co. Tenn.

On this the 16th day of February 1844 personally appeared before me Samuel L. McCalib and acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and state aforesaid Mrs. Sarah Ellison a resident of said County aged seventy five years and who after being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her Oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by an act of Congress past the 7th July 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows” and that she is the widow of John Ellison deceased who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and she thinks belonged to the North Carolina Line of Troops and a part of his servitude was under William Litle Captain, and who on account of his service as Soldier in said wars and in said Line received a Pension of \$46 for ? and to the evidence composing the matter

of the application after said Husband for Said Pension she refers for such particulars and facts as are ? in the investigation of her claim except a ??: her Bible containing the ages of their children as kept in her said Husbands own handwriting which she herewith files as a part of her Declaration, she further declares that she was Married to her sd Husband John Ellison on the 16th day of April Seventeen Hundred & Eighty Nine and that her said Husband John Ellison died on the 28th day of March Eighteen Hundred & Forty Two.

That she was not Married to the said John Ellison previous to his leaving the service but the Marriage took place prior to the fourth day of January 1794? at the time above stated and that she has never since the death of her sd Husband intermarried but still continues his widow.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day
And year aforesaid before me
S.M. McCalib J.P.

her
Sarah X Allison
mark

Allison, John, Rev. War
White Co., Tenn.
Mrs. Charles S. Passmore
717 W. Granite Street
Butte, Montana

John Allison – W.8
BA-J AWF

Dear Madam:

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim W.8, based upon the service of John Allison in the War of the Revolution.

John Allison (the name also is found Ellison) was born in the year 1762, about eight miles of Hillsboro in Orange County, North Carolina; the names of his parents are not stated.

While residing in Orange County, North Carolina; with his father, John Allison served as a substitute for his brother James as private nine months in Captain William Lytle's Company, Colonel Archibald Lytle's North Carolina Regiment. He served three months under Sergeant William Riley as a guard at Hillsboro, dates of this service not shown. He volunteered and served two months in Captain John Whiteside's Company; this service was about the time of the battle of Guilford Court House, his brother, Joseph, was Lieutenant in this company at this time.

John Allison resided in Orange County, North Carolina for a “number of years” after the Revolution, moved to Jackson County, Tennessee, lived one year and moved to White County, Tennessee.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 13, 1832, then residing in White County, Tennessee. He died March 28, 1843.

The soldier, John Allison, married April 16, 1789, Sarah. Her maiden name is not given, nor is it shown where they were married.

She was allowed pension on her application February 16, 1844, then aged seventy-five years and living in Putnam County, Tennessee. In 1849 she was living in White County, Tennessee.

The children of John Allison Jr. and his wife, Sarah Tolar:

Grizzey born November 5, 1789
Martha born February 27, 1791
Francis born October 30, 1792
Sarahe or Jershe born July 29 1794
Mary born January 25, 1798
Joseph born December 1, 1799
James born December 21, 1801
Jinnet (?) born January 9, 1806
Naomi born August 19, 1810
John Rolston born August 22, 1812

Reference was made to the soldiers brother Charles, and one William Ellison (as he signed) was sixty-five years of age in 1845 and living in White County, Tennessee; he stated that he was well acquainted with the soldier and his wife, Sarah, it is not shown that he was related to the family.

Very Truly Yours,

A.D. Hiller
Executive Assistant to
Administrator