

Pension Application for Ebenezer Allen

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State of Vermont

Orange County SS

At Chelsea in said County on this 18th day of December A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before Hon. Titus Hutchinson Daniel Cobb & Thomas Jones, Justices of the County Court of said Orange County, now sitting, being a Court of Record Ebenezer Allen a resident of Chelsea in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, aged 78 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, that he was born at Greenfield in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1754 and there resided till some years after the Revolutionary war and has since resided in Chelsea & Peacham in Vermont that his age is recorded in Greenfield afs'd – that on or about the 20th of April 1775 a day or two after the Lexington battle he volunteered in the service of the United States in the Massachusetts Militia to march immediately to Boston in the company commanded by Capt Agrippa Wells, Lieut Hastings & ensign Ames and were marched forthwith to Cambridge in Massachusetts and was there stationed but can not recollect that he was attached to any Regiment. That but he there did the soldiers duty was on drill & on guard about six weeks or a few days over as he believes, and was then & there discharged some time the fore part of June 1775 verbally & returned home.

Also that in December 1775 the Massachusetts Militia were called for to go to Cambridge for three months. That five men were to be sent by the Town of Greenfield to wit. John Newton, James Poskett, John Bush, Daniel Graves & himself turned out or volunteered in the Service afs'd for the term of three months in the Massachusetts Militia that they mustered on to Cambridge in Massachusetts the first of December 1775, and were there to enter their company & receive their Officers, that his company was formed & affirmed and he remained with; their company about a week. Daniel Graves one of s'd company above named was taken sick and he was ordered by the Captain of s'd Company to take charge of s'd Graves, carry him to Waltham, Massachusetts there take care of him, that he there remained at Waltham afs'd nursing s'd Graves till a few days after the term of three months expired. When the s'd Graves died at Waltham afs'd when he returned home and found that his company had returned several days before him—that being detached [blot] from his company he cannot recollect any of his company officers.

That then about the first of August 1776 he again entered the service of the United States in the Massachusetts Militia of State troops in the company commanded by Capt. Frury, Lieut Mills & Ensign Avery in the Regiment commanded by Col. French for the term of three months and marched immediately after he volunteered from Greenfield afs'd about the first of August though New Haven Connecticut to Horseneck so called in New York & near the City and was stationed at a place called

Round hill near the Sound, he thinks there were a number of Regiments then stationed there & in the [?] they were there employed on guard and fatigue duty & scouting & watching the cowboys so called and there remained doing duty as aforesaid till the fore part of November 1776 when he was verbally discharged at Round Hill afs'd & returned home. That when returning home & passing through Fairfield Connecticut the Brittish shipping lay in the Sound in plain view of them and that while at Round Hill he distinctly heard the cannonading at Fort Washington when it was taken by the British.

Also that about the first of July 1777, he again volunteered in the service afs'd in the Massachusetts State troops, or Militia in the Company commanded by Capt. Agrippa Wells, Lieut Benj Hastings & Ensign Steward in the Regiment commanded by Col Porter & Lieut Col Woodbridge or Major Chester Williams for the purpose of going to Ticonderoga & vicinity to stop the progress of Burgoyne. That he marched to Albany N. York from Greenfield afs'd from thence up to Fort Edward and was there stationed about a week, thence to Vromans Creek so called & there remained five or six weeks from thence across North River near Williams falls at a place called the Red House & there remained one day before the main army marched that from there he was detached into the River guard consisting of three hundred men & commanded by a continental officer whose gename he cannot recollect—the main army marched on to Saratoga and they saw Capt Gehring to bring up the River and in the night were surrounded by a body of British troops superior to them in numbers and think a skirmish ensued in which about one half of the rear guard were killed or taken & the remainder excaped [sic] narrowly, thinks he lost his pack and all his clothing in the skirmish, that the remainder of s'd guard joined the army at Saratoga and there he remained on duty till the day of the Borgoyne [Burgoyne] surrendered on the 18th of Oct 1777 when he was discharged at Saratoga verbally & returned home, that he was absent on his last campaign three months and 20 or 25 days and that he was absent on the 4 campaigns twelve months. That he knows of no person whose evidence to prove his services afs'd that he is very infirm and feeble in health which was the reason of his actifying his application to this time. That his memory has greatly failed him the last three or four years past, that in his present state of health he cannot find any proof of his services afs'd.

He 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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Eben. Allen.

Witness John W. Smith.