

### **Pension Application for Stephen Allis**

W.25343 (Widow: Rachel)

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin County SS

On tis sixteenth day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate Stephen Allis a resident of Buckland in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, aged seventy five 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 passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service as a volunteer in the company of Militia commanded by Capt Timothy Childs in the regiment commanded by Col. Ruggles Woodbridge his Lieutenant was Amass Kemp of Shelburn in the County of Franklin and said Commonwealth. The name of his ensign is not remembered, nor does he recollect the names of his other Field officers, they were not much with the Regiment having left it to [?] the small pox. He was a resident of Shelburn aforesaid when he volunteered and marched from thence to join the army of the revolution on the first of July A.D. 1776.

He went up Connecticut River as far as Charleston N.H. then called No 4, thence he crossed said river and passed through the woods to Rutland Vt. Went thence to Skeensborough at the head of Lake Champlain where the company halted about a fortnight, then they marched to Ticonderoga where he served in the said regiment a few days more than five months computing from the time he joined his company and was dismissed the fore part of December in the same year. The whole company was dismissed at the same time. There were at this time at Ticonderoga five regiments all raised in Massachusetts. There were also troops there (he thinks a Regiment) called Jersey Blues, Genl Gates commanded, but this declarant did not know any general officer nor any of the field officers except those belonging to his regiment.

In the month of February 1777, this declarant volunteered to serve in the revolution and served the term of two months in the company of militia commanded by Capt Lawrence Kemp of said Shelburn. His Lieutenant was Lt Stewart of Colerain. The name of his ensign he does not recollect. He does not remember that the company was joined to any regiment, but thinks it was considered as belonging to Col. David Wells Regiment. He marched with his company from Shelburn across the mountain to Bennington, Vermont, thence through Shaftsbury to Skeensborough, thence to Ticonderoga and was stationed at the French Mills near that place. He thinks there were no troops at the French Mills except said company. This company were employed on fatigue duty, building a floating bridge. He was not acquainted with any other troops or officers. He served out the term for which he volunteered and was dismissed in April and returned home as near as he can recollect on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. But he cannot tell on what day in February he commenced his service at this time nor

on what day in April he was dismissed, but he well remembers that he fully served his term of two months and that he was absent from home more than two months. He resided at this time in said Shelburn.

In the year 1779 he again volunteered to serve his country in the revolutionary army in the company of militia commanded by Capt James Walworth, his other company officers were Lieut Benjamin Maxwell and Lt Benjamin Hastings. He believes the company belonged to Col Porters regiment, he marched with his company to New London Connecticut. This company was stationed by itself about five miles from New London on a point of rocks the name of which is not clearly recollected, but thinks they were called Goshen Reef. The service of the company was guarding the coast. He was not acquainted with any other troops or officers while on this tour of service. He served according to the best of his recollection on this last occasion six weeks and was dismissed. He left the latter part of July in that year and stayed six weeks.

He has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any living witnesses by whose testimony he can prove the same except those whose affidavits he produces here in court to be herewith transmitted to the war department.

To the several prescribed interrogatories he answers.

1<sup>st</sup> he was born in Stafford, Con, on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1758.

2<sup>d</sup> He has a family record of his age which he transcribed a long time ago, from his father's Bible. Where the last mentioned bible now is he does not know. He knows of no other record of his birth or age.

3<sup>d</sup> He resided in Shelburn aforesaid at the several times when he was called into the service as above, where he continued to live until he removed to Buckland an adjoining town in the year 1786, where he has ever since lived and now lives.

4<sup>th</sup> He was on all the occasions mentioned a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> He cannot answer more particularly than in the body of the above declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> He never received a written discharge.

7<sup>th</sup> He is known by all the respectable inhabitants of the towns of Shelburn and Buckland, and he trusts they would all give satisfactory testimony of his character. And he produces herein in court the Rev'd Benjamin F. Clark a clergyman of said Buckland and Martin Severance of said Shelburn as witnesses to the tradition of his services. (Signed) Stephen Allis

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. Stephen Allis.  
R.E. Newcomb, Judge of Probate.