

Pension Application for James Allen

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

York SS.

On this twenty seventh day of April A.D. 1818, before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth, personally appears James Allen aged sixty three years resident in Wells in said county of York, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land an naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War:"

That he the said James Allen in the month of January 1776 enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental Army, under Capt. Nowell, of the Regt commanded by Col. William Prescott, in the Massachusetts Line, for the term of one year, that he continued to do his duty in said Company & Regt until the above named term of one year expired when he was honourably discharg'd at Peekskill in the State of New York, but he has long since lost his discharge.

That in the month of June 1777 he entered on board the Continental Ship Raleigh, Commanded by Capt Thomas Simpson, as a marine for the term of one year & 6 mos & in said ship against the common enemy from Portsmouth Newhampshire [New Hampshire] to France, & took several prizes two of which were sent into [?] Orient, thence inland off Madiera & returned by way of the West Indies to Portsmouth, & from thence we proceeded to Boston in Massachusetts, there having served out his full term of twelve months, he rec'd an honorable discharge all that remained of which discharge is annexed (and in evidence of the truth of the first part of the foregoing declaration under the said James Allen, the above named Jonathan Nowell & Ichabod Lord & Moses Wegmouth, thence & [?] witnesses personally appeared, and being by me first duly sworn according to law, they upon their oaths do say, that the said James Allen did serve in the Continental Army under the said Capt Jonathan Nowell of the Regiment commanded by Col Prowell the full term of twelve months as he has above declares. That they served with him in the service that and know that he was accounted a faithful soldier & was honorably discharged.

That he is reduced in his cricumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, and that he had no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year above said. Benj Greene, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit, in the Commonwealth aforesaid.