

Pension Application for James Allen

W.21609 (Widow: Anna) Married May 14, 1778. James died September 10, 1810.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Norfolk County SS

On this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & thirty seven, personally appeared before the Hon. Sherman Leland Judge of the Court of Probate for Norfolk County in said Commonwealth, Anna Allen, a resident of Dorchester in said County aged Seventy Seven 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of James Allen late of Stoughton in said County Dec'd. That said James her late husband was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and commenced his service in April A.D. 1775, at the alarm at Lexington; and was in the skirmish at that place, and also in the battle of Bunker Hill, and likewise continued in the Army at the various Posts to wit at Cambridge, Roxbury, and Dorchester Heights in the neighbourhood of Boston, during his eight months service and was as she has understood a Fifer.

He afterwards enlisted in the year 1776 for nine months or one year, at said town of Stoughton, and continued to serve in the Army by successive enlistments from that period until the Spring or commencement of the Summer of 1782 according to the best of her recollection.

She further declares that in May of the year 1778 he the said James returned home on furlough to said Stoughton when & where she was married to him the said James, and that in one week thereafter said James returned to his duty, in the army, and during his service therein, after said period he came home twice on furlough previous to receiving his final discharge from the Army.

She further declares that according to the best of her recollection said James performed the larger portion of his military services before mentioned in the States of New York and New Jersey and was at Cherry Valley in the former state, when the British & Indians attacked the American Forces stationed at that place at which time Captain Patrick was killed. She further declares that all the papers and documents showing his service, together with the letters of correspondence received from him while in the Army, have all been destroyed by fire, at Sharon in said County where his home was burnt about thirty six years ago and that at the present time from loss of memory she cannot recollect the names of the Officers under whom said James served in the Army aforesaid.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Allen at Stoughton by the Rev'd Jedediah Adams May 14th 1778—that her husband the aforesaid James Allen died on the tenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & ten and that she has remained Widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed) Anna Allen

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before & I hereby certify that the said Anna Allen by reason of bodily infirmity, was unable to attend before a Court to make the above declaration. J. Leland Judge of Probate.