
Pension Application for John Allen

W.23429 (Persis Coolidge, former widow)

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS.

On this 20th day of June, 1839, personally appeared before the Hon^{ble} Probate Court of the District of Rutland in said County, Persis Allen a resident of Stockbridge in said State, aged seventy one 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 7th 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:"

That she is the widow of John Allen, late of Stockbridge aforesaid, deceased, who was a private for the term of during the war, in Capt. Copp's (1) Company, afterwards and before the close of said term, Capt. Dorson's (2) Company, in the first New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick, into which service he entered by enlistment, on the 30th of October 1776, and served in the company and Regiment aforesaid, until the end of the Revolutionary war. His discharge, which she has often seen, was lost by him about 50 years ago, when crossing a stream, during their residence in Cherry Valley in Otsego County in the State of New York. For proof of the service aforesaid of the said John Allen, (3) she hereby refers to the Balloting Book of the State of New York, at pages 80 and 81; a copy of which is now in the War Office of the United States.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Allen on the first day of June, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four; and that her husband the aforesaid John Allen died on the third day of March 1813; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred & ninety four, to wit, at the time above stated. (Signed) Persis Allen. John Carr & Elijah Allen, Witnesses to the signing.

This is a reply to a request for information, dated November 12, 1931.

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Allen, a soldier of the War of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.23429, based upon the military service of John Allen in the Revolutionary War.

He was born in Pomfret, Windham County, Connecticut, date of birth not given.

He enlisted while residing in Pomfret, and served as private in the Connecticut Militia, no date or officers stated. He enlisted January 12, 1777 and served in Captain VanNess' company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment, length of service three years.

He married June 1, 1784, or June 5, 1785 at Pomfret, Connecticut, Persis Clark.

They moved soon after marriage to Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York and lived three or four years, then to Walpole, New Hampshire and lived a few years, when [they] moved to Stockbridge, Vermont.

He died March 3, 1813 in Stockbridge, Vermont.

His widow, Persis, married, June 5, 1815, Moses Coolidge, who died February 20, 1832.

She was allowed pension on account of the service of John Allen, on her application executed, June 20, 1839, then a resident of Stockbridge, Vermont, and was aged seventy-one years.

The children of John Allen, and his wife Persis—

Elijah born October 29, 1787

Malinda born July 12, 1789

Persis born February 19, 1792

Petsey Crafts born December 24, 1796

John born December 26, 1800.

Their son, Elijah Allen, in 1844 was living in Stockbridge, Vermont.

End Notes—W.23429—John Allen

1. John enlisted as a private for three years in Captain David VanNess's Fifth Company on January 12, 1777 in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. Captain VanNess left the regiment by May of 1778 and the company was then under the command of Major Benjamin Ledyard. On March 23, 1779 John was transferred to Captain John Graham's Company of Light Infantry. On December 19, 1779 John re-enlisted for two months and after this term he was discharged. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783—Series M-246, Roll 66, folder 17, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. There was another John Allen (W.1649) who served in the same regiment and some of the information in this application is for the other John Allen. Captain Aaron Aorson served in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment from 1781 to 1783.
3. John would have been at the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778 and in the Onondaga Expedition under Colonel VanSchaick in April of 1779. John was then stationed at Fort Schuyler until discharged.