

Pension Application for John Allen

W.16491 (Widow: Mary)

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

John Allen of the Town of Galway in the County of Saratoga being by me duly sworn declares on his oath that he this deponent enlisted as a private in the Continental Establishment in the war of the Revolution in Capt. David VanNess' (1) company in the first New York Regiment (2) commanded by Col. VanSchaick in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six that he this deponent served his country in the capacity of a private for six years and nine months in the said war and was honorably discharged from the service of his country on the 8th day of June 1783 under the hand of his excellency the late Genl Washington (3)—and he this deponent further saith that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support & further this deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark) John Allen

Subscribed & Sworn to this twenty eight day of March 1818—before me. John Taylor, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Saratoga.

State of New York SS

On this twenty fourth day of October 1836, personally appeared before John Titus one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectada, Mary Allen a resident of the town of Galway, in the county of Saratoga, and State of New York, aged seventy six 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 4, 1836. That she is the widow of John Allen who was a private in the army of the revolution in the New York Line, and he received a pension of \$96 per annum under the act of the 18th of March 1818.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Allen on the fourth day of March, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty; that her husband, the aforesaid John Allen, died on the seventh day of April last past and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with here mark) Mary Allen

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written before me the said Judge. John Titus.

Births

William Allen Dec 3th AD 1780

John Allen March 17th AD 1783

Cornelius Allen Jan 15th 1785

James Allen June 13th AD 1787

Jane Allen Sept 1th AD 1790

David Allen Jan 23th AD 1793

Polly Allen April 9th AD 1795

Samuel Allen Feb 23th AD 1798

Rebecca M. Allen Jun 9th AD 1800

Marriages

John Allen and Mary Jennett were married March the 4 AD 1780 in the City of Albany.

End Notes—W.16491—John Allen

1. John enlisted on August 20, 1776 in Captain David VanNess' Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Continental Regiment. This regiment had been raised in February to re-inforce the Continental Army in Canada and was not numbered. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, folder 163, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. John on October 30, 1776 enlisted as a private for "during war" in Captain John Copp's Eighth Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 7, National Archives, Washington D.C. On the October 8, 1777 muster roll dated at Fort Dayton John and Ebenezer Moss are listed as "Missing on Scout July 18". By May of 1778 John is listed on the muster roll again and for June and July is listed as sick in the regimental hospital. This would explain why he wasn't at the Battle of Monmouth, N.J. on June 28, 1778. In 1781, John is listed in Captain Leonard Bleecker's Light Infantry Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 6, National Archives, Washington D.C.
3. The discharge was included in John's pension application, it was signed by Commander-in-Chief, General George Washington. John in 1783 was serving in Captain Aaron Aorson's First Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 5, National Archives, Washington D.C. John on July 7, 1790 was granted 600 acres in Township 2 (Hannibal) Lot 7. FROM: The Balloting Book and Other Documents Relating to Military Bounty Lands In The State of New York, Packard & VanBenthuyssen, Albany, 1825, page 7.