

Pension Application for Joseph Allen

S.32649

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Franklin SS

At a Special Session of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, for the Western Circuit, began and holden at Greenfield, within and for the County of Franklin, on Monday the tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, et de diem to the fifteenth day of the same month, personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record, within and for said County of Franklin, established as such by the Constitution and Laws of said commonwealth, Joseph Allen aged sixty three years, resident in Bernardston in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: viz.

That he enlisted in January in the year 1776 for the term of one year in the Company of Capt Thomas Alexander in the Regiment of Col Elisha Porter on the Continental establishment that he served his full time part of which he was on a furlough that about a fortnight before the expiration of the time for which he enlisted, that he never had a discharge that he received or Pension under the act of March 18, 1818 his certificate is numbered 7065 that his original application was made on the twenty seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, that his profession is a farmer that by reason of age and infirmity is able to labor but very little that he lives alone, that he has no wife, nor any children with him that he has no relatives able to contribute to his support, I was in the eight months service in 1775 & was at Bunker Hill Battle, I was also at the taking of Burgoyne in 1777.

And I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, land by me subscribed. (Signed) Joseph Allen

Sworn to and declared, on the tenth day of July A.D. 1820, before the said Court. Attest, E. Alvord, Clerk

Schedule of the Estate of Joseph Allen of Bernardston County of Franklin, and State of Massachusetts, applicant for a Pension under the act of Congress May [6?] 1820.

1 Horse \$20, 1 heifer \$10, 9 Sheep \$9 – 39.00,
2 chests \$6, 3 tables \$5.00—4 dining chairs 1.32 12.33,
4 Kitchen Chairs \$1.—And iron \$1.25 2.25,
Shove & Tongs 1.50—1 old saddle 2.00 3.50,

2 dish kittles \$1.25—1 Pot 1.00—1 spider 50[?] 2.75,
1 Looking Glass \$.50 .50
\$60.33. Joseph Allen

Letter in folder dated December 30, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, that from the papers in the Revolutionary War claim, W.2578, it appears that Joseph Allen enlisted in Maine, place not stated, in March 1777, as a private, in Captain William H. Ballard's Company, Colonels Ichabod Alden and Brooks' Massachusetts Regiment, and was discharged in March 1760, by Captain Warren.

He also served from Falmouth, Maine, in 1780, for about eight months in Captain Reed's Company, Massachusetts Troops.

While a resident of Windham, State no named, he married September 18, 1811, at Gray, Maine, Dorcas Emery of said Gray. The copy of the marriage record, shows "Miss Dorcas Emery".

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 28, 1818, while living at Gray, Maine, aged fifty-nine years.

In 1820, he stated that his present wife, Dorcas, aged fifty years, was a widow when he married her, and he referred to his family, as, Statira aged thirty-five years and Emery aged eight years, but did not give their surnames, nor the name of any former wife.

Joseph Allen died January 12, 1849, at Gray, Maine, and his widow Dorcas was allowed pension on her application executed April 26, 1853, while living at Gray, Maine, aged eighty-three years.

In 1855, one Emery Allen resided at Gray, Maine, but relationship to soldier is not stated.