

Pension Application for Caleb Allen

S.29586

Declaration, in order to secure the benefit of the Act of congress, passed June 7, 1832. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

County of Worcester, SS

On this third day of August in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared before Solomon Strong one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Caleb Allen, a resident of Sturbridge in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aged Seventy Seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was born June 25, 1755 in the town of Sturbridge in the County of Worcester aforesaid. There is a record of my birth and age in the Records of said Sturbridge. I was living in Sturbridge when I went into the war, and have lived there except at short intervals ever since.

I enlisted at Roxbury in Capt Adam Martin's Company—Col. Ebenezer Larned's Regiment, Gen. Thomas Brigade—Gen. Wards Division—In August 1775 for five months—I did the duty of soldier, was on guard all the term in Roxbury in the thicket—I was dismissed at that place Jany 1, 1776. This service was in the Massachusetts Militia.

I next enlisted, first of July 1776—into the New Levy of the Massachusetts line—Capt John Woolent's Company—Col Jno. Holman's Reg—Gen Fellows Brigade—Gen Spencer's Division—Lieut Nath'l Walker, Jas Hathaway 2nd Lieut, John Lyard's Ensign marched to Hartford & then to New Haven, sailed to New York City, Landed at Waterstreet, staid there two or three days, then tented out two miles north of the City. There we remained till 15 of Sept., then the British took possession of the City—Retreated, under the command of Gen Putman, full run ten miles to Harlem Heights, next day volunteered and fought the British—Col. Knowlton & [??] were killed—here we remained 4 or 5 weeks and retreated to White Plains—here I fought again—and then retreated to Courtland Manor—staid till 1st Dec when my time was out again on 10th Dec 1776. I went on an alarm to Providence Rhode Island in Mass militia, Capt Abm Mason's Company, Lt. Benj Freeman, Lieut John Salmon, Col Jonathan Holma's Reg served one month at Providence and was dismissed.

Again on July 1, 1777, I enlisted for six months in Mass line under Capt Joseph Sibley—John Carpenter 1st Lieut—Joseph Cherry 2nd Lieut—Stephen Southworth Ensign, Col Danforth Keyes Reg—Gen Cornwallis Brigade, Gen Spencers Division. I went to North Kingston [??] Newtown then to Warwick, thence to Tivertown, I was pressed about 4 weeks under the intention of going upon the Island—then returned by Providence to North Kingston—then we guarded the shores till the first of December, then returned to Providence and was dismissed in January. During this period I did

the duty of an orderly sergeant and have my warrants. I have no other documentary evidence. In all I served seventeen months.

I hereby relinquish any claim to a pension or annuity except he present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Caleb Allen.