

Pension Application for Wright Allen

W.23417 (Widow: Ruth) Married January 1, 1780. He died April AD 1922.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Oxford SS.

On this second day of May AD 1818 before me the Subscriber, Judge of the Court of Probate in said County—and first associate Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth, personally appeared Wright Allen, aged sixty four years, of Denmark, in the County of Oxford aforesaid—who being by me first duly sworn according to law—doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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;--that he the said Allen; served in the revolutionary war against the Common Enemy [enemy], as a Private soldier on the continental establishment about five years & two months—

He enlisted in May AD 1775, for eight months into Capt Dunn's Company in Colo Phiney's Regiment in [the] Massachusetts Line—then for one year into the company commanded by Capt Ryler belonging to the same Regiment—then for three Years in Capt Wadkins Regiment and Brown's Regiment. That he served out each & all of said times & then enlisted into the Artillery [Artillery] for six months & served to the close of the war when he was regularly & honorably discharged at West Point in the State of New York from the service that he was in the several engagements at the capture of Burgoyne, the Battle of Monmoth [Monmouth], besides others less important, that he lost his discharge & has not seen it for thirty years & then from his extra poverty (being in part supported by the town of Denmark aforesaid of which he is an inhabitant) he stands in need of the assistance from his country for support.

That he has no other evidence of his aid services, now in his power excepting the testimony of Daniel Coolbroth, who testifies that he knows he served the eighth [eight] month's, the years served and two years & one month of the three years service and that from his reduced circumstances he stands in need of assistance from his country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid. Judah Dana, Judge
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