

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon Hail (Haile, Hale) R4435

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State of Illinois White County: SS

On this eleventh day of April A.D. 1838 personally appeared in Open Court before the Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in the State of Illinois, now sitting in the County of White State of Illinois Simon Hail a resident of said County in the State of Illinois aged eighty 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the early part of the year of our Lord 1777. That he served during this tour about eight weeks, that he was in no engagement but was continually during the time with scouting parties, That he volunteered as a volunteer in the militia. That the names of the Officers under whom he served were Colonel Wells, Major George Ben and Captain Mills Lawrence.

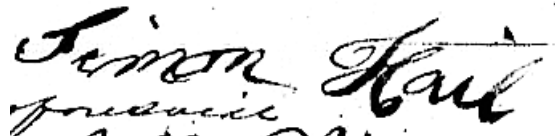
He volunteered again in 1778 and was absent eight weeks that he was in no engagement during this time and engaged in scouting parties. His Officers were the same as before except his Captain who during this tour was Emanuel Wells. That he was again called out in 1779 and served eight weeks in scouting parties, the same several officers whom he was under in his first tour, his Captain was Captain John Hodge. That he was again called upon and volunteered in 1781 – that he continued in service 18 months and was discharged but a few weeks previous to the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], all of which he was engaged in scouting parties securing the Country, and that he served as orderly Sergeant during all or a considerable portion of this time, That he was in no skirmish or engagement of any note, nor was stationed at any one place for any considerable length of time. That Colonel Wells commanded the Regiment to which he belonged, and that his Captain's name was Thomas Fearn. He cannot state the day of the month in which he entered the service in either of the aforementioned tours, but thinks he entered the service first in the winter of 1777 – that he served as a volunteer in the militia. That he cannot say whether Colonel Wells was a General in the Army or not, or was a General before he went into the Army, sometimes they called him (wells) General and sometimes Colonel. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. And that he has no written discharge. He further states that he was born in Isle of Wight County in Virginia in 1758. That he has no record of his age. That he lived in said County when he volunteered into the Army. That he lived there till 1797, then removed to Cartwright County [Carteret County?] North Carolina and lived there till 1806, then removed to East Tennessee on Pigeon River where he lived one year then removed to West Tennessee Smith County lived there one year then removed to Bedford County West Tennessee

and lived there 14 years, then came to White County and State of Illinois where he has resided ever since.

John Porter and James Silman live in my neighborhood and can testify to my character for veracity and their belief in my services as a revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State in the United States.

S/ Simon Haile

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Simon Haile". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[John Porter, a clergyman, and James Silman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

#### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1841 personally appeared in open Court Before the Honorable William Wilson chief Justice of the State of Illinois and Judge of the White Circuit Court now sitting at Carmi [?] in the State aforesaid Simon Haile aged Eighty-two years and three months, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He resided in the State of Virginia, County of Isle of Wight – the Militia of the County were classed and he belonged to class No. 4. In the latter part of the year 1778 he was drafted (or called out to serve his tour) he entered the service under Captain Miles Lawrence and served eight weeks, he cannot state the particular day he entered the service, but it was in the winter part of the tour in the year 1778 and part in 1779 – He was stationed at Portsmouth, his Major was George Binn and his Colonel, Brook Wills – his second tour was under Captain Emanuel Wells in the summer of 1780 – was drafted as before – entered the service in June, served eight weeks, was not stationed but served along the British lines in the County of Isle of Wight and Nansemond (the adjoining County) and was discharged in August of the same year the Major & Colonel the same as above.

His third tour was under Captain John Hodge, he served eight weeks in the latter part of the year 1780 and first part of 1781 was stationed two weeks of the time on the Bay of the James River, the Balance of the time was employed against the British lines in the counties above mentioned – was drafted as before and field officers the same as above stated.

His fourth tour was under Captain Thomas Ferson in the year 1781 he served as a Sergeant half the tour, and the other half as orderly Sergeant – the tour was eight weeks, and then he was discharged it was just three weeks before Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] was taken [October 19, 1781]. The service was performed along James River against the British lines in the same counties as above – in the same field officers as before. That he has no documentary evidence and that he does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Ja. Ratcliff, Clk

S/ Simon Haile

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*Simon Hale*

[Moses Pearce, a clergyman, and Merit Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question first

Where and in what year were you born

Ans. In the County of Isle of Wight Virginia in 1758

2<sup>nd</sup> have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Ans. He has, he has left it at home

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you live now

Ans. He lived in Isle of Wight when called into service, & since the said war he has lived in North Carolina & Tennessee and now lives in this state.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute. Ans. He was drafted

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. There were no regular troops connected with the Militia as he recollects

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you receive a discharge if so by whom was it given and what has become of it – Ans. He never received a discharge but continued in service until relieved by another company.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons in the neighborhood where you now reside to whom you are known who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief as to your services as a soldier of the Revolution Ans. Moses Pearce, Merrit Taylor, Samuel Chapman, Elisha McGehee Hosea Pearce

[Transcribers Note: There is yet another complete application filed in 1843 in White County Illinois by the veteran and then giving his age as 85, but the quality of the image of this document as posted online is very poor. After gleaning what I could from it, I decided not to transcribe but to give extracts of some of the unique information in this application. In this file the veteran is referred to as "Simon Hale." In the first tour of service the veteran refers to being in the service with the following fellow militia men: Jesse, William and Matthew Turner brothers and neighbors; he refers to his Colonel and Captain as "Book Wells" and "Manual Wells" who he says were brothers. He appears to signed this document as Simon Hale as follows:

[p 25: On June 1, 1854 Asa Hale executed a power of attorney in White County Illinois authorizing his attorney to pursue the claim of Simon Hale. He signed the power of attorney with his mark. His relationship to the veteran is not stated.]