

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Hall R4453

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State of Maryland
Baltimore City Court
October Term 1838

On this twenty fourth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight – Personally appeared in Open Court, Ann Hall, a resident of the City of Baltimore aforesaid, aged sixty seven years – who having duly affirmed according to law – doth, on her solemn affirmation, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an 'Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows'; That she is the widow of Thomas Hall, late of Gloucester County, Virg'a. deceased, who was first Serjeant in a company of acting Militia commanded by Capt Gibson Cleveres of the 21st Reg't. of Virginia Militia in the War of the Revolution, commanded as she believes by Col. Page. And served, as occasion required, during a period of five years; being frequently on duty for several months at a time; That he was at the Siege of York Town Va. in 1781 and was stationed on duty within two miles of Gloucester town at the time of the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; and that he at one time commanded an express boat to communicate with the French Fleet. And that a certain "Thomas Hogg [pension application S5566], whose deposition is herto attached, served with him, and is now receiving a pension therefor. She further declares that she was married to him the said Thomas Hall in or about the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and certainly not later than the year seventeen hundred and ninety one. and that her said Husband Thomas Hall died in the year eighteen hundred and twenty six: That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, Viz at the time above stated. Ann herXmark Hall

[On 8 Oct 1838 Thomas Hogg made a statement very similar but slightly less detailed than the one that follows. The earlier statement was witnessed by Ann Hogg and Francis Shackelford. On 10 Sep 1838 Howard Holday made a similar statement, witnessed by Edward H. Rowe and John Shackelford.] The deposition of Thomas Hogg of Gloucester County State of Virginia who sayeth that he was well acquainted with Thomas Hall the husband of Ann Hall of Gloucester County Va. and that himself and said Thomas Hall both was attached to the same company during the revolutionary war and that they were attached to Capt Gibson Cleverius company of Militia the regiment the said company was composed of he doth not recollect but well recollects it was commanded by Col'n. Mann Page [see endnote] he further states that the exact time and towers of duty he cannot positively state but sayeth that the said Thomas Hall comminced the survice in the year 76 and serving as he did in the militia he was called out on duty at different times as circumstances required the different dates and lenght of time he surved each time he can not posibly ricollect but sayeth positively that he surved from the year 76 to the end of the war as circumstances required and part of the time he was commander of an express boat conveying dispatches to and from the french fleet acting the whole time as orderly Sergant and that during the time he surved h never went out of the County of Gloucester excepting when he went to the French fleet and furthermore he sayeth not Given under my hand and seal this 2^d day of October 1839
Thomas hisXcross Hogg sen

NOTES:

Col. Mann Page commanded militia of Spotsylvania County. The Colonel of Gloucester County Militia was Matthew Page.

On 19 Sep 1838, Mildred Hudson of Gloucester County stated that she was present at the marriage of her sister, Ann Shackelford to Thomas Hall, who died in January 1826. On 22 Nov 1838 Catharine Hight, about 55, stated that she had also been at the wedding, and that the oldest child if still living would have been at least 46 years old. On 7 Oct 1839 Ann Hall still gave her age as 67, and she stated that she was married in May 1790, and that her husband died 20 Jan 1826. On 7 April 1840 she presented as evidence of her marriage a record of the births of her children, transcribed below.

Births of the Children of Thos. and Ann Hall of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia

James Hall was born Jan 20th 1791

Addison Hall was born August 1793

Warner Hall was born Oct 17th 1795

Wm Hall was born Feby 12 1797

Thos Hall was born April 1799

Catharine Hall was born August 7th 1801

Elizabeth Hall was born August 5th 1803

Jefferson Hall was born Feby 11th 1805

Archabold Hall was born March 7th 1811