

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hall Hudson (or Hudson Hall) R4463

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Marianna [Florida] November 22nd 1839

Dear Sir,

There is living, not far from me, a poor old man, a revolutionary soldier, who has applied to me as matter of charity to obtain for him, a pension, if he is entitled to one. He is indeed very poor and decriped [decrepit], yet, possessed of that firmness and independence of spirit, of men of his day, he is a beggar, with bad grace him.

He sent me, on yesterday, the following statement, which I ask leave to present to you, and if he comes within the provisions of any of the laws of the U. S. on the subject of pensions, that you will make such a disposition, of this, as, that I may be provided with the necessary forms required by the proper Department in such cases.

"Hall Hudson, the applicant for pension, was born, in South Carolina, near the mouth of Big Pedee [River], (in what he believes, was then called Cheraw district,) on the 14th day of March 1758; at the age of about 16, he entered the service of his Country, as a private, in Captain Thomas Loyd's Company of Militia, and was garrisoned at Cheraw Hills South Carolina, Colonel Powell commanding; and served, to the best of his recollection, more than two months, and was then with the rest of his Company sent home for a time. In the same year, he was ordered into service, and served, about the same length of time, at the same place and under the same officers. The spring after he entered the service again, and was ordered to Charleston where he remained until he received an injury on his left leg, which caused a sore or ulcer and under which he has been laboring until the present time, a cripple. This tour of duty, was performed under the command of Captain Richard Johnson, of the Militia, and to the best of his recollection, was the spring before the battle of Fort Moultrie in Charleston Harbour. The applicant several times after this endeavored to serve his Country, but was discharged and forced to leave it, service, by the sore on his leg. The applicant is a member of the Baptist Church, of good standing, and entertains a good Character with all who know him: and but for his affliction and poverty, would consider himself, sufficiently paid for all his services and sufferings, in the knowledge that his Country is free, and his fellow citizens happy."

I am indebted to you, an appollege [sic, and apologize?] – my dear Sir for addressing this letter, to you. The liberty, however well I hope be pardoned, when I inform you that applications of this kind are so rare, in this section of our Country, that the prescribed forms are

not to be had, and not a volume of the laws of the U. S., are to be found in our County – add to this; descendant as I am, you know, from a revolutionary soldier and having heard, from so good a source, in my youth, the history of the suffering of those so deserved [?] & highly honored patriots, I cannot but feel deeply interested for one of them who is afflicted and in want.

With sentiments of the
highest Esteem

I am yours truly
S/ Rich H. Long

[Letter addressed to John Forsyth, Secretary of State, Washington City D. C.
referred by him to the Secretary of War Dept. of State 5th Decr. 1838]