

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hall R4477

Letitia Hall

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State of Tennessee Morgan County: SS

On this the 16th day of February 1840 personally appeared before me Thomas Jack a Justice of the peace in and for said County Letitia Hall widow of Samuel Hall deceased aged eighty one years from undoubted calculation having no record of her age, and after being sworn for that purpose on her oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1848 entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows;

She states that to her best knowledge and belief her Deceased husband Samuel Hall, Entered the service of the United States in Wilkes County North Carolina a private soldier. She believes a volunteer though she is not certain, whether a volunteer or drafted and entered the service she believes sometime in the year the precise time not known but believes to be about three years before the fall of 1781 and served pretty much in succession the most of the time until the close [of the war] and served under Captain Gilseef [William Gilreath], a tour or tours, and under Captain Beverly [John Beverly], sometime, or times, and some tours under Captain Sams [Edmund Sams], a tour or tours, and under Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] she states that owing to her great age she cannot now recollect now if she ever heard her said husband say precisely how long he served in total but from Every impression of mind she believes that he served two years at least, she cannot further state as to the precise times of his quitting and beginning, and the duration of his respective Tours, she states that she was acquainted with her said husband before his first service in said war and in fact well knew of his going and returning from the service different times and of his speaking of being in a battle at one place where he could have walked on the slain some distance, she believes at the ___ on the dead. She distinctly recollects of his speaking of being in service at a place called St. Augustine, and of seeing a certain soldier sink under the water there and drown namely Mr. Stonecypher. Declarant states that her said husband, was a twin brother to David Hall ¹of Anderson County whom she states that she well recollects said David was in service some of the same time that her said Husband was. She states that the main particulars as to the times of her said husband's service was tolerably well known to her, at the time of the same, she states that she has no record of her age or marriage that she was twenty four years old in the month of the first February after she was married, married in the fall season of the year, on the Stony fork in Wilkes County North

¹ This is PROBABLY the same man as [David Hall S1823](#).

Carolina by Esquire Brown. She cannot state the day nor month, but the same was in fodder pulling time, and some months after the marriage of her Brother-in-law to wit David Hall of Anderson County Tennessee before Alluded to in this Declaration and from her best calculation was in the year 1785, she states that she can prove her said marriage by her sister-in-law Cloak Hall a widow wife of Martin Hall, deceased, and the facts of her said husband's service as she believes Declarant knowing that she was at her wedding and did have a chance of knowing of the services of said David Hall and her deceased Husband. She states that her said Husband Departed this life the 9th day of June 1819. That she was not married to her said husband prior to his last period of service, but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January 1794, to wit at the time and place as above stated. She states she is wholly unable to attend court from bodily infirmity.

She states that she recollects of hearing her said husband speaking of being at the white House in time of his service and of crossing the Catawba River and Savannah and of stationing a while at Colonel Earle's, and of a great many other places not now recollected by her. She cannot recollect of his service so as to designate each respective tour. She will state she well recollects of his being in the service often of her own knowledge, she living just four miles from the Hall family and knew well at the time of said David Hall, Samuel Hall, being in service.

Sworn and subscribed the 16th day of January A.D. 1840

S/ Thomas Jack, JP

S/ Letitia Hall, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Anderson County } SS:

Personally appeared before me James Hall a Justice of the peace in and for said County, David Hall a resident citizen of said County whose statements are Entitled [to] full credit, and after being duly sworn for that purpose, on his oath states his deceased brother, Samuel Hall was a twin brother to him the affiant that they were born of the same parents, at the same birth, he witness, Positively states that his said Twin brother served fifteen months with him in the Revolutionary war he states that owing [to] his old age he cannot state the dates of the Periods of their said service but he states that they served under the identical same officers and including the last of the Revolutionary War, he affiant was married the 20th day of January 1784, in Wilkes County North Carolina, agreeable to his calculation, and the record of the same made out by affiant's son Richard Hall which is correct as affiant has no doubt counting the time as well as he can and he positively states that owing to his great age he cannot state the precise time of the marriage, but he can't state the precise time of his said brother's marriage but he can safely say that it was before the Expiration of twelve months after the marriage of affiant, he positively states that they were married, and had several children before the first day of January 1794, he witness positively states that his said brother's wife, to wit Letitia Hall has remained a widow ever since his said brother's death, his said brother never had any other wife but said Letitia, and died in the bounds of what is now Morgan County Tennessee, he affiant is the Identical David Hall that is now in the receipt of a Pension at the rate of \$80 per year and served under Captain Sams, and Cleveland principally, affiant lives about thirty five [miles?] from his said brother's widow, she living in Morgan County Tennessee joining the County that witness lives in, witness states that his memory is greatly impaired and that he cannot recollect the dates of his service being no scholar but well recollects his said brother serving with him in said war.

Sworn and subscribed this 11th day of October 1839 before me

S/ James Hall, JP

S/ David Hall, X his mark

[p 8: Power of attorney dated March 31st, 1853 executed by Elijah Hall, an heir at law of Letitia Hall, widow of Samuel Hall. The power of attorney is also signed by Elijah Hall, Jr., David Hall, Luke Hall and Garrett Hall. The power of attorney was executed in Morgan County Tennessee. In the claim filed by these 8 heirs, they state that Letitia Hall, died December 9, 1840 survived by the following children Garrett Hall, Luke, David, Aley, Elizabeth, Mary, Elisha and Elijah Hall. All of the claimants signed by their mark except Garrett Hall

Garrett Hall
his mark]

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Cloy Hall states that she saw her Sister Letitia Hall married to Samuel Hall in the State of North Carolina by John Brown Esquire. She further states that she was well acquainted with the Hall family and knew well from the neighborhood rumor that Samuel Hall [served] two or three years in the Revolutionary war that she knew of their coming home on furlough and returning soon afterwards to the several times & she says David Hall served with Samuel Hall the most of the time.

She further states that she has often heard him speak of being together and talk of being in battles together.

S/ Cloy Hall, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed this 16th day of January 1840 before me

S/ Thomas Jack, JP

[Tennessee, Morgan County]

[Thomas Jack certified that "Cloak Hall" was the widow of Martin Hall, deceased; that she is a credible witness of upwards of 70 years of age and that she has chance to know that what she has set forth in her affidavit being the sister to Letitia Hall, and their husbands brothers.]

[p 40: On October 11, 1839 in Anderson County Tennessee, Richard Hall gave an affidavit in which he states he is the 2nd child born of the deceased wife of David Hall, a pensioner living in the aforesaid County; he states that he, Richard, was born December 9, 1786 agreeable to the record he has in his possession; that he has always heard and understood and believes his father David Hall and his father's brother Samuel Hall served together in the revolution; that Garrett Hall, the son of Letitia Hall was born the 9th day of July 1786

Richard Hall]