

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hall Hudson R5331

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State of Tennessee, Lincoln County

On this the 19th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable Lunsford M. Bramlett [?] one of the Judges of Law & Equity in and for the state of Tennessee in open Court Hall Hudson a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee aged about 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 7th June 1832.

Some time in June 1775 I enlisted under Captain Abram Penn for no particular term of Service as a private at Pittsylvania Court House Virginia where I was then a resident and continued so until after the close of the War, we were marched against the Shawnee Indians and was for a short time stationed at Farler's Fort¹ on the Big Canaway² River, from that station we were ordered to join General Lewis who marched to what was called the Point at the Mouth of the Big Canaway and there had an engagement with the Indians in which I was engaged, at that skirmish Colonel Lewis was killed by the Indians. From there we returned to the Fort where we remained but a short time before we were marched back to Pittsylvania Court House & discharged, I received a written discharge for four months which is lost.

Early in the month of May 1776, I enlisted at Pittsylvania Court House as a private under a recruiting officer by the name of Captain Samuel Scott, for the term of 18 months; but our term of service did not commence until the first of September following, when [we] were formed into a Company at Prince Edward Court House and placed under the command of Captain George Walton. From which place we were ordered and marched directly to Augusta Georgia where we were put on board of keel boats and taken to Savannah Georgia where we were placed under the command of General John L. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] who commanded the regular troops, my Company was attached to the 1st Regiment commanded by Colonel Habersham [Joseph Habersham]; Captain Walton's Company with about 300 troops were ordered to marched to Teby [sic, Tybee] Island where we were placed under the command of Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert] & remained there until about the first of March following 1777 when we were ordered back to Savannah, from there Genl. McIntosh marched the greater part of his

1 Fowler's Station? also known as Richland's Fort in modern Tazewell County Virginia?

2 Sic, Great Canaway River which was the Cherokee name for what is now known as the New River? Or, Kanawha River?

Army to Sunbury [Sunbury] where we remained but a short period before Captain Walton's Company with some three or four more were placed under the command of Colonel Moore of the line, and set sail for Amelia Island which we took after a skirmish with the British & Tories,³ we remained there but a short time; before we set sail for Savannah in small boats consisting of three or more, the boat on which I was aboard was commanded by Captain Woodruff. On our route we succeeded in taking a British vessel loaded with arms, clothing, provisions &c which we took to Savannah; after remaining there but a few days we were ordered to join General McIntosh at Darien, from there we were marched to Fort McIntosh and from there to St. Mary's, and from there back to Savannah; where I remained until I was discharged in the month of March 1778. I received a written discharge from Genl. McIntosh (as well as I now recollected) for eighteen months service – after my discharge, I returned home to Pittsylvania County Virginia.

About the last of July 1779, I volunteered as a private under Captain Daniel Corbin, as a Ranger. We remained on the frontiers of the Counties of Wilkes & Surry North Carolina, protecting the inhabitants against the British & Tories. We were in the service two months when we were discharged in writing by Captain Corbin, which discharge is also lost.

In a few days after our return some time in August 1779, I again volunteered under Captain Underwood for an expedition against the Tories that had collected at Ramsour's mill where we whipped the Tories under one Captain James Roberts—after which we return home having been in the service one month for which I received no discharge.⁴

In October 1780 I again volunteered under Genl. William Campbell & Col Isaac Shelby at the Moravian Towns as a private. We marched against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] & met him at King's Mountain and defeated him [October 7, 1780]. I was in the engagement from the beginning to the end. The Army to which I was attached was marched back to the Moravian Towns with the prisoners – where I received a written discharge from Campbell & Shelby for three months service which is lost. Late in December 1780 I again volunteered under Captain Joseph Phillips who was attached to Genl. Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] command and soon after fought at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]. I was also in that engagement, from there we were marched to the Island Ford on Broad River & thence to the Catawba River & to Guilford Court House where we fought that battle [March 15, 1781]. From there we followed Rawdon & Cornwallis to Cape Fear River to Ragle's [?] ferry where I was discharged in writing by Colonel Lea; received a discharge for four months which is lost – from there I returned home and remained until after the close of the Revolutionary War – having served in the War thirty two months. From Pittsylvania County I removed to Henry [County] & thence to Patrick County Virginia from thence to Grainger County Tennessee, thence to Morgan County Alabama, thence to Giles County Tennessee & from there to Lincoln County Tennessee where I now resides & have for the last two years.

I was born in the year 1753 from the best information I can get having no family record. I lived and was a citizen of Pittsylvania County Virginia County at my engagement that I made with the Government. I was called into service first by enlistment

3 May 18, 1777 is thought to be the date of this engagement.

4 The battle of Ramsour's Mill occurred on June 20, 1780. The Tory forces were commanded by Lt. Col. John Moore.

for no definite period & secondly by enlistment for eighteen months at all the subsequent tours I was a volunteer.

I have stated the names of most of the regular officers with whom I was acquainted & refer to my declaration for more full & particular description of my service.

I received discharges from all the campaigns I served except one but which are lost – and have no documentary evidence or living witness within my knowledge of my services.

I am known to the Revd. Will S. Smith, Colonel James Smith, Major Will Morehead and I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State or Territory.

Test: S/ A. Tell

S/ Hall Hudson, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court September 19, 1833.

S/ Bright, Clerk

[Will S. Smith, a clergyman, William Moorhead, James Smith and Will Milner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following are the Questions and answers to the several Interrogatories, to wit:

1st : Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the year 1753 as well as I am informed having no Family Record of my age.

2nd : Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer: I have no Record of my age.

3rd : Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in the County of Pittsylvania Virginia from there to Henry County Virginia and thence to Patrick County Virginia – from there to Grainger County Tennessee from there I removed to Morgan County Alabama from there to Giles County Tennessee and from there to Lincoln County Tennessee where I now live and have for the last two years.

4th: How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer; or were you a Substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Answer to 4th Interrogatory: First enlisted for no particular period of time secondly I enlisted for eighteen months of all of my subsequent engagements was by volunteering as will be seen by reference to my declaration.

Answer to 5th Interrogatory: I served in my first campaign under Genl. & Col Lewis on the Shawnee expedition in my 18 months tour. I was acquainted with Captain George Walton my Captain – Genl. McIntosh, Cols Habersham, Elbert & Moore all of the regular troops-- in my 3 & 4th campaigns, I was with small volunteer detachments & no regular officers was with us that I now recollect. In my expedition to King's Mountain, General Campbell & Colonel Isaac Shelby were our superior officers – at the Cowpens, Morgan & Colonel Washington; at the Battle of Guilford, General Green [sic Nathanael Greene] I believe was the superior officer. Those are all that I can at present recollect.

Answer to 6th interrogatory: I received written discharge is in all my campaigns except one -- & received my discharge from the officers mentioned in my Declaration but all have been lost or mislaid – so that I cannot produce them & have no documentary evidence of my services.

Answer to 7th Interrogatory: I am known to the Revd. Will S. Smith and James Smith, Maj. William Morehead, William Milner, William Moffert and various others &c. all of whom can testify to my veracity & belief of service &c. &c.

Sworn to in open court this the 19th of September 1833.

Test: S/ A. Tell

S/ Hall Hudson, X his mark

Subscribed & Sworn to in open Court

Sept. 19th 1833

S/ Bright, Clerk

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State of Tennessee, Giles County

The deposition of Thomas Hudson taken before me Alexander Black an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Giles aforesaid, taken to be sent to the War Department at Washington City to be read as further and additional testimony in support of the Declaration of Hall Hudson made out and forwarded on the proper Department to enable him to obtain a Pension, who being first sworn deposeth and saith – That he is the Brother of Hall Hudson, that Deponent is now 75 years old – That he and his Brother Hall lived with their Father, when he Hall Hudson entered the service under Captain Abraham Penn [could be Pean] and Lieutenant Joseph Martin to go to fight the Shawnee Indians and to protect the north western frontiers; service was rendered in the year 1774 – That he served about five months in this expedition, and obtained his discharge, which Deponent remembers to have seen frequently – He further states that said Hall Hudson in the year 1776 enlisted in the Continental service in the County of Prince Edward in the Commonwealth of Virginia, under Captain George Walton and Thomas Glascock Lieutenant, that he Hall Hudson lived in Pittsylvania County in said Commonwealth and went to Prince Edward Court House as aforesaid, the place of rendezvous appointed for them; that he entered the service for eighteen months, that he went to the State of Georgia with the balance of his Company, served his time out and returned to the said Commonwealth of Virginia with a regular discharge from his superior officers, which discharge deponent states he often saw and read, and that it was signed by General John Locklin [sic., Lachlan] McIntosh and Colonel Joseph Habersham-- Deponent further states that in the fall of the year 1779 or 1780, he thinks in the latter year Hall Hudson enlisted under Captain Joseph Cloud, and after being for some time engaged in scouring the Country and ranging about after Tories in the edge of North Carolina, was taken on to King's Mountain, and was in the Battle fought there, as Deponent well remembers to have learned and understood at the time, and now believes; he does not remember to have seen his discharge at the close of this expedition, but knows his served the tour of duty --

Deponent further states that Hall Hudson and himself were together in serving a three months tour in the year 1781 during which tour they were both in the Guilford Battle in North Carolina – in the last expedition mentioned George Haston [George Hairston] was Captain-- Tucker [Maj. St. George Tucker?] was Colonel & Robert Lawson was General.

I know that Hall Hudson was enlisted & served eighteen months as a regular soldier of the United States in the Revolutionary War & about the time for stated & that I have seen his discharge aforesaid service for said that length of time & further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15th day of March 1837.

S/ Alexander Black
acting Justice of the
Peace for said county of Giles
and State of Tennessee

S/ Thomas Hudson, S his mark