

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Purselly [Pursely] R8523 Sally Purselly f23NC  
Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 6/20/17

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State of Tennessee, Roane County

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Roane County court (it being a court of Record) Sally Purselly aged Eighty Nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836. That she is the widow of William Purselly who was Drafted in \_\_ County North Carolina in the year 1780 under as she believes either Captain or Colonel Tipton [Major Jonathan Tipton] in the Brigade commanded by General Campbell [William Campbell] was in the Battle at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], N. C. [sic, South Carolina], and continued in the service until the battle of Guilford House [sic, Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] in 1781 was at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] but not in the Battle and was mustered out of service in 1781 after serving 10 months.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Purselly in February 1783 on Limestone in what is now Washington County Tennessee whether there is a Record of her marriage she cannot tell and that her husband the aforesaid William personally was Drowned in Holston [River] in the year 1820 and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written.

S/ Joseph Nicholson, J. P.

S/ Sally Purselly, X her mark

[Elizabeth Hall, 53, of Roane County gave a supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, Roane County

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1846 appeared before the undersigned one of the justices of the peace for Roane County James S. Hall a citizen of Roan County aged 56 years who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he was well acquainted with said William Purselly the Husband of Sally Purselly the foregoing affiant ever since his recollection, until the death of said Purselly in 1820 that him and Sally was always reputed and believed to be man and wife raised a large family of children as such that she the said Sally has remained a widow ever since his death, affiant further states that he has often heard the said William in his lifetime speak of being in the Revolutionary war, and has seen a discharge signed by Colonel Williams for six months services as a drafted man in the service and also seen another discharge for four months service signed by either Captain or Colonel Tipton, he believes and thinks both his discharges together with all his other papers have [been] lost since his death – he furthermore states that he

has often heard the said William in his lifetime speak of being in the battles of Kings Mountain, Cowpens & Eutaw Springs that he was in his lifetime always reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that he then yet concurred in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day above written.

S/ Joseph Nicholson, JP

S/ James S. Hall

[William Hall, 80 [sic, says he was born in 1767], gave an affidavit in Bradley County Tenn, February 2, 1847, stating that he witnessed the marriage of William Purselly to Sally Hall in 1783 in what later became Washington County Tenn. He also says he recalls William Purselly speaking of his Revolutionary war services.]