

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hale S1522

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State of Tennessee McMinn County: SS

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of said County, William Hale a resident of said County and State, aged 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775, with Alfred Moore in Hillsboro in Orange County North Carolina, and served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Nash, of the Continental line, under the following named officers – Colonel Francis Nash – Alfred Moore Captain, Lawrence Thompson, Lieutenant. He enlisted for six months and was discharged in the month of March 1776 at Wilmington in North Carolina. From Orange the Corps to which he belonged marched to Wilmington; thence 8 or 10 miles to Barnet's Creek below Wilmington, where the troops encamped; thence to Brunswick, and while encamped at this place the troops were employed in cutting down Fort Johnson, from Brunswick they were marched in pursuit of the Tories through Waccamaw Swamp, and returned to Brunswick; thence, to Moore's Bridge¹ on the Blackwater, where an engagement took place between them and the Scotch Tories; thence they were marched to Wilmington and discharge, after serving out the term for which he enlisted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Hale, X his mark

State of Tennessee McMinn County: SS: On this 30 day of July 1833, personally came before me Joshua Gwinn one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of McMinn aforesaid Edmund Roberts,² who is a man of respectability and voracity, aged about 75 years, and who is reputed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a revolutionary soldier, who being duly sworn, made oath that he believes that the above named declarant, William Hale, was a soldier of the revolution and served as stated in said declaration; and said affiant founds his opinion on the following facts: – In the spring us 1832 affiant casually fell into conversation with the said William Hale, and inquired of him whether he had been in the Revolution? Hale replied

¹ February 27, 1776 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html

² [Edmund Roberts S1715](#)

he was a soldier of the revolution, and asked affiant whether he was, and under whom he served; to which question affiant responded he was & served under Captain Alfred Moore. Whereupon Hale immediately rejoined – That he has served in Moore's company, and added that Larry or Lawrence Thompson was the Lieutenant, and went on to detail the circumstances of his services, in such manner as to convince affiant that he was the same William Hale whom he had known as one of his comrades but whose features he had forgotten in consequence of the lapse of time & failure of memory.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Josiah Gwinn, JP

S/ Edmund Roberts, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]