

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hall S16859

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State of Missouri County of Montgomery

On this fourth day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery and State of Missouri, (it being a court of Record) now sitting, William Hall a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-one 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, in Caswell County North Carolina, enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778, with Colonel James Sanders, and served in the 4th Regiment of the Continental line, under the following named officers, viz. 1st Colonel Henry Dixon, 2nd Colonel Archibald Lytle, Major John Armstrong and Major Donehoo [sic, Thomas Donoho]. We marched out under Captain Robert Moore, who was elected by the men, when we got to headquarters we were placed under the command of Captain Goodman General Lincoln commander -- and also General Sumner. From Caswell County we marched to Spotsylvania or Halifax County Virginia, but which he does not recollect, from thence to Caswell N. C. of the and encamped on Moon Creek, after remaining there a few weeks, there being no call for soldiers, he received a furlough for 6 months, but before the expiration of this Term, he volunteered into service, there being a call for soldiers & about the first of November 1778 was mustered in the service in Caswell County North Carolina from thence was marched to Salisbury, to Charlotte, to Camden, to Nelson's Ferry on the Santee [River] South Carolina and from thence to within ten miles of Charleston: thence to Purrysburg on Savannah River on the South Carolina side and encamped about 20 miles above the Savannah Towns. Here we took up headquarters, remained until next spring, he believes in April. He was marched out under the command of General Weatherford [sic, Rutherford ?] until he got to headquarters and was then under the command of General Lincoln. From headquarters we marched towards Augusta, just before we reached there, he with others were detached & detailed & sent to Charleston to defend that place against the enemy. Ten or fifteen days after we landed there, the enemy left there: we were then marched to Stono River, where we again joined General Lincoln. We then pursued the British to a point down the River when the enemy took up camp. We encamped & took up headquarters within 5 miles of the British forces. The Battle on Stono River was fought to the best of his recollection on Sunday the 19th or 20th of June following. He was then under the command of Colonel Pinckney [of] South Carolina who commanded the Infantry. Captain Macaju Davis [sic, Micajah Davis?] a regular officer with 50 man was sent as a guard to the Battleground & he was one of those 50. There we remained about a week & we then returned to headquarters; about the last of July following we marched to Bacon's Bridge across Stono and there remained until the 6th of August & then marched to Moncks Corner, where he received a written discharge from Major John Armstrong (having served his term of nine months). That his said discharge he has lost, but how

or where he does not know.

In the year of 1780 he, in the militia of North Carolina served a three months tour under the command of Captain Wilson, Major Elijah Moore and Colonel William Moore as the substitute of Bazle Davis who was drafted: he was mustered into service in Caswell County North Carolina where he then lived, and was marched with the troops to Hillsboro, Salisbury, Charlotte and from thence to the Waxhaws Creeks headquarters and there remained until we were verbally discharged by Colonel William Moore. In this time General Morgan a Continental officer took a pretty good number of Tories who were under the command of Colonel Rugeley at Rugeley's Mill.¹ The Tories were taken to our headquarters and he assisted in guarding them.

In the first of 1781 -- he volunteered in the militia of North Carolina under the command of Colonel William Moore and Captain Dudley Reynolds and Ensign William Haney to go against the Tories. To the best of his recollection this service lasted about 6 weeks; during the time we had a battle with the Tories near Haw River, where we defeated them & killed nearly the whole of them. A little after this time the battle of Guilford was fought, and he would have been in that battle, but for his horse, and was with another soldier, permitted to go home to get fresh horses. He was about 53 miles from Guilford at the time of the Battle. He was then discharged verbally by Colonel William Moore.

About the month of June following there was a draft in Virginia for men to go to Little York. He went as a substitute of one Charles Cannon who had been drafted under the command of Colonel Peter Rogers in Captain Fleming Bates of Halifax Virginia, still living in Caswell County North Carolina near the Virginia line. As well as he recollects, about the last of June or first of July he was mustered into service at Halifax court house, and was marched to Petersburg, crossed the James River at old James town, from thence to Williamsburg and thence to Little York, there we continued until Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington. He was then verbally discharged by the Governor of Virginia, whose name has now forgotten. After his discharge the Governor as he understood issued a proclamation, proclaiming that any person who would assist in guarding the prisoners from Little York to Noland's Ferry on the Potomac [River] should be considered to have rendered service equal to 3 months tour of duty. This service he performed as one of the guard and marched by Hanover court house & Fredericksburg to the Ferry under the command of Captain Roberts, the Colonel not recollected, continued in the service, or engaged from the time of his discharge until about the middle of December following before he reached his place of residence in Caswell County North Carolina. That he has never received one cent of pay for the services he rendered during the revolutionary war except for the time he served as a regular soldier. He served as a soldier in the Continental line 9 months, as militia soldier about 10 months and a half and was on furlough about 3 months. That these statements as to the names of the officers under whom he served, the names of the places at which he was, at the different times are all made from recollection and in some instances his memory may have miss served him. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Qr by the Court -- Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Henrico County Virginia in the year A.D. 1761

Qr by same -- Have you any record of your age & if so, where is it?

¹ Appears to be making a reference to the taking of Rugeley's Mill by William Washington on December 4, 1780, and action in which Daniel Morgan was not involved. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rugeley.htm>

Ans -- There is none that I know of -- my knowledge gleaned from my parents

Qr by same -- Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans: When called into the service I lived in Caswell County North Carolina, since the Revolutionary war I lived in Caswell County until I was near 30 years old, & then moved to Rowan County North Carolina and lived 22 or 3 years: I then moved to Smith County Tennessee & lived 5 years & from there to Montgomery County Missouri & lived 14 years, where I now reside.

Qr by same -- how were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans: I first enlisted, the 2nd time I was a substitute for Bazle Davis next I was a volunteer to go after the Tories, next I was a substitute for Charles Cannon, in Virginia and lastly I volunteered to guard the prisoners who were taken at Little York.

Qr by same -- State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services?

Ans: Colonel Henry Dixon, 2nd Colonel Archibald Lytle -- Major John Armstrong, Major Thomas Donoho, Captain Goodman, General Lincoln, general Sumner, Colonel Pinckney of South Carolina, Captain Macaju Davis, General Morgan and General Washington were the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where I served and Colonel James Sanders, who enlisted me, General Rutherford, Captain Wilson, Colonel William Moore, Major Elijah Moore, Captain Dudley Reynolds, Colonel Peter Rogers and Captain Flemming Bates, were some of the Militia officers, under whom I served; the only Regiment recollected was the 4th Regiment of the Continental line -- the number of the other Regiments not recollected and as to the general circumstances of my service, I will say that I was enlisted by Colonel James Sanders in Caswell County North Carolina -- and was then put under the command of Colonel Henry Dixon a Continental officer & marched to Virginia, then back to Caswell County North Carolina -- I was then furloughed for 6 months; after which there being a call for men I was mustered, into service about the 6th of November & marched to Salisbury, to Charlotte to Camden South Carolina thence to Nelson's Ferry on Santee, thence within 10 miles of Charleston, and from thence to Purrysburg on the Savannah River; within 20 miles of the Savannah Towns and continued there until the first of April 1779 -- I was then marched up to the Savannah River towards Augusta and with 300 other soldiers to go and reinforce Charleston, which we done and continued there until the British left, we pursued them to Stono (where they encamped) having joined General Lincoln) -- about the 19th or 20th of June of said year when the battle of Stono was fought. I was after that marched to Bacon's Bridge across Stono and then to Moncks Corner, where I was discharged by Major John Armstrong having served 9 months. I afterwards in 1780 entered the Militia of North Carolina as a substitute for Bazle Davis, under the command of Captain James Wilson, Colonel William Moore and Major Elijah Moore in Caswell County -- and was marched through Hillsboro, Charlotte to the Waxhaw Creeks, headquarters, and was discharged by Colonel William Moore having served 3 months. About this time General Morgan took General Rugeley and his men at Rugeley's Mail and I assisted in guarding the prisoners. In 1781, I volunteered under Colonel William Moore and Captain Dudley Reynolds to march against the Tories, whom we fought near Haw River and killed most of them, being about 300 in number who were under the command of Doctor Piles [sic, John Pyle] as there Colonel and was in the service about 6 weeks -- a little after this the Battle of

Guilford was fought and should have been in it, had I not gone home to get a fresh horse. Just before the battle with the Tories, Colonel Lee from the North with 19 dragoons joined us and was in the battle -- In the June following, there was a draft in Virginia and I entered the militia service, as the substitute of Charles Cannon, under the command of Colonel Peter Rogers and a Captain Flemming Bates [Fleming Bates] of Halifax County Virginia, and was marched to Petersburg, thence crossing James River at old James Town, thence to Williamsburg and joined General Washington at Little York where I remained until after Cornwallis surrendered in 1781; and was then discharged by the Governor of Virginia, the proper officer being absent for some cause not recollected: and then from the proclamation of the Governor of Virginia I volunteered and went under the command of Captain Roberts to guard the prisoners to Noland's Ferry on the Potomac and was discharged about the middle of December following, and as a circumstance I will here state to the best of my recollection that Lieutenant Charles Dixon receipted for my pay as a Continental soldier, which I expect is now on file in the office of the Secretary of War. Qr by same -- Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: -- Having served 9 months in the Continental line, I when my time was out received a written discharge from Major John Armstrong a regular officer, which I have lost, how, when or where I do not know, and that was the only written discharge which I ever received.

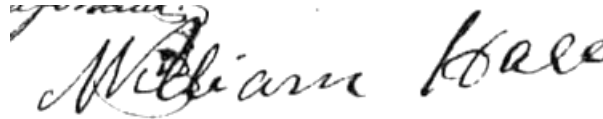
Qr by same -- State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Ans: -- There is Robert Baker, a preacher of the gospel, who is now sick and cannot attend the court, John Baker, Cornelius Howard, Jacob L. Sharp the clerk of the court and Absalom Hayse the Sheriff of Montgomery County Missouri

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

S/ Jacob L. Sharp, Clerk

S/ William Hall

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William Hall".

[John Baker, Cornelius Howard, Jacob L. Sharp and Absalom Hays gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: In the pension file of Francis Brandon R1156 (posted 1/13/12), there is on page 10 of the digital images posted there, a discharge granted to William Hall which appears to read as follows:

Camp Nolins Ferry November 6 1781

This is to Certify that William Hall

has Faithfully Serv'd his Present

Tour of Duty and is hereby Disch^d

by order of Maj^r Jones

I have not copied it here because the quality of the image is extremely poor and would be largely illegible. I had to use all my squinting power to decipher what I think I see of the image as posted on Fold3. I don't see any evidence of the discharging officer's signature.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54 per annum missing March 4th, 1831, for 16 and a half months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]