

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Hall S21802

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

On the 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me James A Black (a Justice of Quorum in and for the District aforesaid) Solomon Hall (Senior) a resident of Abbeville District in State aforesaid aged Seventy-five 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 act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. General Ash [John Ashe] commanded the brigade or division to which he belonged, Philip Alston was there Colonel the company to which he belonged was commanded by a Captain Beird [sic, Beard?], the names of the under officers not recollected at this time. That he entered the service as a substitute on or about the 10th day of November 1778, and left the service about the 15th of June 1779 that he resided in Wake County State of North Carolina when he entered the service. That he was engaged in the Battle of Brier Creek in the State of Georgia on the 3rd of March 1779, that they met at Cross Creek in North Carolina and marched down the Cape Fear River to Elizabeth town, thence to the ten mile house near Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and thence to Purisburge [Purrysburg] on Savannah River, thence up said River to the Two Sisters Ferry, thence to the town of Augusta (Georgia) where the[y] joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] (as he thinks) that he was with General Ash in the battle at Brier Creek when they fought the British under Colonel Prevost: that he was acquainted with a Colonel Elbert who commanded some Regular troops at the battle of Brier Creek that he was acquainted with General Lincoln and sometimes commanded by him while on this tour of service, that he has no papers now to prove his service nor does he know of any person living that could swear to his service.

That he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia man under the command of Colonel Thomas Farmer a Captain Jones commanding the company with John Trent as Lieutenant, that he entered the service on or about the 20th of October 1780 and left the service by sickness about the 10th of March 1781, that he resided in Wake County North

Carolina when he entered the service, that they rendezvoused at Wake Courthouse and marched to the Island Ford on the Catawba River when they acted as a guard on the Ford, that after Lord Cornwallis had crossed the River, that he was in a skirmish in the widow Tarrent's lane [Tarrant Tavern], that the company to which he was attached continued to act as a scouting party to harass and impede the progress of the enemy, that he believes his officers got there orders from General Green [Nathanael Greene], that he was taken sick with the pleurisy a few days before his time expired that he was left behind where he lay eight weeks confined to his bed, that after much suffering and fatigue he got home having been gone about five months, in consequence of his sickness he never got a discharge in writing from that service –

That he again drafted and paraded at Wake courthouse from which place he marched under the command of Colonel Farmer the company commanded by John Trent to Hillsboro to act as a guard on the legislature while in session the time not now known but he thinks it was in October 1781 that he entered this service, that he was gone about two months in this tour from which he got a discharge in writing which is lost. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State – he further saith that he has no discharge or other documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person now living who could testify to his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me
S/ James A Black, JQ

S/ Solomon Hall, X his mark

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Be it known that on this 18th day of June 1833 before me James A Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the State & District aforesaid personally appeared Solomon Hall aged seventy-five years and upon oath makes the following amendment to his original declaration in order to receive the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. He saith on his oath that he entered his first tour of service as specified in his original Certificate in Beirds Company & Aston General Ashe Division on the 10th day of November 1778 (as he thinks) and was discharged on the 15th day of June 1779 (as he believes) having served 7 months & 5 days on this tour.

That he entered his second tour in Captain Jones Company in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Farmer on the 20th of October 1780 and left the service by sickness on the 10th March 1781 having been in actual service 4 months & 20 days in this tour besides 2 months which he lay sick which he thinks should be counted to him as so much time in service.

That his third tour under John Trent he entered as he thinks on the 1st of October 1781 and was discharged on the last day of November (as he believes) having served 2 months on this occasion.

He makes the following answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department.

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

Ans. 1st I was born in Wake County State of North Carolina on the 18th day of August 1757

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

Ans. The only record which I have of my age is one which was made by my school master in the first Testament that I used in school.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. 5th I was acquainted with General Lincoln and Colonel Elbert and a Colonel Malaba

[Malmedy] a Frenchman, that from age and debility he is not able to recollect the name or number of any Regiment and that the general circumstances of his service to which I was attached is related in my original declaration

7th 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 their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. 7th I am acquainted with the Reverend James Cosper, Reverend Thomas Bigbie, Mordecai Shackelford [sic], James Caldwell, Major Linsey Harper, John S Allen, Esquire, Doctor A. B. Arnold, James A Black, Esquire & others

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of June 1833 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Solomon Hall, X his mark

[James Cosper, a clergyman, and Mordecai Shackelford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

Be it known that on this 17th day of July 1835 before me James A Black a Justice of the Quorum in and for the State and District aforesaid Personally appeared Willis Scoggins¹ a resident of the District aforesaid aged seventy-five years and upon being duly sworn as the law directs saith that he was well acquainted with Solomon Hall he pensioner of the United States during the revolutionary war, that to his knowledge the said Solomon Hall was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War that he first seen him in the service on the 10th day of November 1778 as he believes at a place called Elizabeth town in the State of North Carolina that they continued to serve together until about the first of march when General Ash with the North Carolina Militia left them at Purrysburg with what was called the five months militia, that he afterwards seen him in the service in the month of May at a place called Golphins Mills on Hollow Creek – the service was now pressing and many of the five months men were induced to volunteer and continued in the service to annoy Prevost & the British who were at that time making their way through the lower part of South Carolina for Charleston & finally fought the Battle of Stono on the 18th of June 1779, that amongst the number who volunteered was Solomon Hall, as a fifer, and that he has no doubt but that he served out fully seven months & he thinks more before he got home or even left the service, he further saith that from his knowledge of Hall character as a soldier that he performed all the service he has stated in the four months Service.

Sworn to and subscribed the 17th day of July 1835 before me

S/ James A Black, JQ

S/ Willis Scoggin, X his mark

of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. Veteran his pension was reduced from \$52.78 per annum.]

¹ [Willis Scoggins W2178](#)