

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Gall S2569

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[The following application is extremely faded and almost illegible in the Fold3 image. It is not found on HeritageQuest. Some details from the transcription are from a typed summary in the file, which states that the application was made in Highland County OH.]

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this 20th day of August AD 1832 George Gall sen'r aged 61[?] and a resident of Highland County Ohio 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 June seventh 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

[several illegible words] George Gall sen'r declares that he [several illegible words] while a resident of Rockbridge County in the state of Virginia. That on the 10th day of January 1781 he was drafted for the Militia service of the state of Virginia for a three months tour. That he was in the company commanded by Captain James Buckhanan [sic: James Buchanan] [illegible] was the lieutenant of his company & James Crockett the Ensign – and the company belonged to the regiment commanded by Colonel John Boyer [sic: John Bowyer]. the lieutenant colonel of the regiment not recollected [?]. That Gawen Hamilton was the Major & the regiment was in Gen'l [Peter] Muhlenberg's brigade That after he was drafted his company marched through [illegible word] Virginia thro Fredericksburg to Dismal Swamp [several illegible words] after serving out the three months for which time he was drafted [several illegible words] to discharge him & they were not discharged for several days after the 3 months were out but finally was discharged by Capt Jas Buckhanan [one or two illegible words] he was discharged he returned to Rockbridge county Virginia where he resided until the sixth of September AD 1781 when he was again drafted in the Militia of the State of Virginia to serve against the British in the revolutionary war, that he was drafted for three months – was placed in company commanded by Captain Charles Campbell – That soon after he was drafted his company marched for Yorktown Va then besieged by the American Army [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – passed through Charlottesville – through Richmond thence to York County joined the American Army – that he remained with the army until the surrender of Cornwallis. That after the surrender of Cornwallis he marched as guard to prisoners to Winchester Barracks Virginia under the command of Captain Wm. Moore [William Moore] in the regiment commanded by Colonel [Samuel] Vance After the surrender at Yorktown all the sick were discharged & his first Captain Campbell had gone home being taken sick. That s'd Gall was discharged by his Captain Wm Moore soon after they arrived at Winchester Barracks with the prisoners. That his second tour was a three months tour which he served. That he did not receive a written discharge from an officer after either of his tours of service. That after he was discharged at Winchester Barracks he returned to Rockbridge County Virginia lived[?] there [illegible] years after which he moved to Pendleton County Va where he remained [illegible] years after which he moved to Highland County Ohio where he now resides & has been living for 23 years

He further declares that he does not recollect the names of other officers [?] than those named except that he has frequently seen Genl Washington at Yorktown siege & has also seen one Major DeCloman a French officer [sic: Christian Charles De Klauman VAS827, a Dane] in American service at same place Was with the whole American army before York Va but cannot recollect any [illegible word] Continental Regiments either by their number or the names of their officers.

The following interrogatories were propounded to the said George Gall sen'r by the Court.

1st Question by the court. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Berks County Pennsylvania on June 28th AD 1766.

2^d Question. Have you any record of your age. Ans'r I have not.

3^d Question. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Rockbridge county in the State of Virginia when the war of the American revolution commenced After served out my tours in the war I returned to s'd county of Rockbridge where I continued to reside several years. I afterwards moved to Pendleton County Virginia I remained several years in s'd county after which I moved to Highland County Ohio where I have lived 23 years & where I still live

4th Question. How were you called into service were you drafted a volunteer of a substitute?

Answer. I was drafted both tours of my service.

5th Question. State some of the officers names of the Continental troops who were with the troops where you served; such continental & militia regiments as you recollect & the general circumstances of your service?

Answer I knew General Washington when I saw him & one Major De Cleman a Frenchman in the service. The first tour I served there were no continental troops or officers in company with us. The 2^d tour I was most of the time before Yorktown Virginia with the whole American Army. Yet I know none of the regular officers but those named – none of the regiments of the US line either by their officers or their numbers.

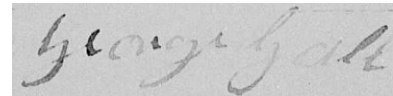
6th Question. Did your ever receive a discharge? if so where is it?

I never did receive a written discharge.

7. State the names of such persons in your neighborhood as can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer. John Rhodes Wm Keys James Lanson George Reed & many others I am confident would testify in this behalf.

The said George Gale sen'r hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

And said Gale further declares that there is no clergyman living in his vicinity with whom he is acquainted & though it is possible still it is very inconvenient to obtain the certificate of a clergyman as is requested by the War department in time to introduce it into this application before the adjournment of Court.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Gale".