

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hall S2592

f15NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

4/2/11: rev'd 2/6/22

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

State of North Carolina County of Randolph: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this 5th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting William Hall a resident of the County of Randolph, State of North Carolina, aged eighty 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 June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers & served as herein stated – the is –

He states that he was born in Stafford County State of Virginia March 16, 1747 & that a record of his age is kept in a Bible belonging to his brother. That he had removed to Guilford County North Carolina & was there drafted, he thinks in August 1782 [sic, more likely August 1780], & went into the minute service under Captain Peter O'Neal. He states that he was engaged in this service about four months, in endeavoring to suppress and keep down the Tories, who were rising in great numbers, & becoming troublesome upon the approach of Lord Cornwallis, to North Carolina. He states that he received no discharge from this service, but was sent with five others by his Captain, to General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]¹ according [to] a requisition to that effect & joined General Davidson's Army on the Catawba near the Old Nation Ford's: that he was then placed under the command of Captain Andrew Wilson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley [John Paisley]. At that place they were joined by General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] with fifteen hundred men: from that place they marched to Sugar-land Creek [Sugar Creek] in Mecklenburg County where they lay about two weeks; & thence to Charlotte, Mecklenburg Court House. There they had a battle with the British Army under Lord Cornwallis, in the American Troops were overpowered by numbers, defeated & compelled to retreat to the East side of the Yadkin River at Swan's ferry where they remained about three weeks.² In this battle in which he was engaged the Americans took 47 British & Tory prisoners; & that he was one of the guard sent to conduct them to Guilford Court House: whence he returned to General Davidson, then at New Province [New Providence] in Rowan

¹ From the details given by the veteran, it seems to me more likely that he served under Col. William Richardson Davis rather than William Lee Davidson. William Lee Davidson was killed February 1, 1781 at the engagement at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River in North Carolina.

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_charlotte.html The troops at the engagement at Charlotte were under the command of William Richardson Davie, not W. L. Davidson.

County [sic]. At New Province Creek he got his discharge from Captain Andrew Wilson having served three months which discharge is now lost.

He states that the whole term of his service was about 7 months & that he knows of no one by whom he can prove his service.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service but that he thinks he can establish his character for veracity & reputation of revolutionary service by the Reverend Micajah Hill & Burrell Wood.

He states that since the revolutionary war he has lived in this County for the last 20 years & previous to that time in Montgomery County North Carolina.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Hall, X his mark

[Micajah Hill, a clergyman, and Burrell Wood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amendment (of William Hall's Declaration)

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina, William Hall, who, being duly sworn deposeth & saith: – that in answer to the 5th interrogatory he has stated the names of the Officers under whom, and with whom he served, & the general circumstances of his Service to the best of his recollection: in answer to the 7th interrogatory he states in addition the names of Thomas Ingram, Esquire Isaac Kearns, Silas Kearns & William Thompson, as neighbors, by whom he can prove his character for veracity & reputation of service. He further states that for 7 months I served as a private & for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed before me March 31st A.D. 1833

S/ Peter R Lilly, JP

S/ William Hall, X his mark

[Thomas Ingram and Isaac Kearns gave an additional standard affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]