

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hall S31089

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State of Illinois Madison County } SS

On this third day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners: of Madison County, now sitting, William Hall a resident of Collinsville Township in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated; (that is to say) That being a resident of a settlement called Long Cane on the small stream called Little River in the State of South Carolina he the said Hall entered the service of the United States as a substitute for his Uncle William Hall, in the month of April 1779 (as near as he recollects) under the command of Captain James McCall Joseph Pickens first Lieutenant; that he marched with the company from Captain McCall's on Little River, and crossed the Savannah River at Augusta; from thence to the town of Savannah which, a short time before had been burnt to ashes; thence to Brier Creek, which was crossed at a place called Ebenezer; thence to Governor Bull's plantation on the Ogeechee River [Ogeechee River]; thence across the Altamahaw [Altamaha River] the Satillas [Satilla River] and the St. Mary's rivers, at which point the company with others under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]; that he the said Hall continued in this service three months.

That shortly afterwards he the said Hall entered the services as a volunteer under the same Captain and Lieutenant on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians for three months. That after this time he removed to Mecklenburg County in North Carolina and entered the service as a substitute for Thomas Black under the command of William Alexander Captain and Joseph Elliott 1st Lieutenant: That the company marched down to Charleston & were taken under the command of General Lincoln, that Charleston was at that time besieged by Cornwallis and that his company left that a short time before the town was surrendered [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], That this service continued for three months; that he was first Sergeant in said company.

That he was afterwards in the company commanded by Jonathan Potts, and was taken from that company by Colonel George Alexander to drive his baggage wagons from Salisbury to the Cheraw Hills. That he was there pressed as Teamster under the command of one Hartgroves a Continental waggonmaster, to haul provisions for General Gates [Horatio Gates'] Army until

the defeat of said Army at Camden [August 15-16, 1780]; that after this he was pressed by General Harrington at the Cheraw Hills to haul arms to Cross Creek. That from the time he joined Captain Potts up to this time was about four months of service by him. That he was a short time in service under Major Davy [William Richardson Davie?]; That he afterwards served as a volunteer under Gilbert Falls [Gilbreath Falls] Captain and was engaged at the Battle at Ramsour's [Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780];¹ Then under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] at the Tuckaseegee Ford on Catawba River.² After this time he was employed to drive an ammunition wagon and was engaged in the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781].³ That he does not recollect how long he was under Major Davy and Captain Falls; but that from the time he was under General Davidson at the Tuckaseegee Ford to the battle of Guilford he was to the best of his recollection about three months in service.

That he afterwards volunteered for three months under the command of Captain John Duckworth and was with his company engaged in the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]⁴ under Colonel DeMalmoodie [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] that after this, on the return of Lord Rawdon to Charleston Major Lee [probably a reference to Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] took about 70 prisoners, that they were given over to the charge of Captain Duckworth, that the Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign having been taken sick, he the said Hall as 1st Sergeant took the said prisoners and delivered them to General Locke [Francis Locke] at Salisbury.

The said Hall further states that he was born near Lancaster in Pennsylvania in the year 1762. That after the revolutionary war he lived in Mecklenburg, Rutherford and Lincoln counties in North Carolina, that he afterwards moved to Rutherford County in Tennessee, where he lived till the year 1815 during which time he removed to his present residence in Illinois. That he has no record of his age. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above named.

S/ Wm Hall



[John Barber, a clergyman, and Benaiah Robinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$65 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months as a private in the North Carolina and South Carolina militia and one month as a sergeant therein.]

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

² General William Lee Davidson was killed at the battle of Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781.

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

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html