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Pension Application of John Hall S31106

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On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honourable Alney McLean Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now Sitting. John Hall senior aged Eighty Six, having been born in the year 1746 to the best of his belief who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress aforesaid [of 7 June 1832]. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers served as herein stated. that at & before the commencement of the revolutionary war he resided in Amherst County Virginia that the men were numbered in divisions and this applicant was in the first division and whenever that division was called upon he performed Service on various tours as follows. first in the fall of 1777 [sic: see endnote] under Captain William Harris who marched us to the Albemarle Barracks which was under the Command of Col Charles Lewis and we remained there guarding the prisoners taken from Burgoyne about 8 weeks after our return home we remained but a short time untill we marched again down Diggs river to a town called Warrick [probably Warwick 5 mi S of Richmond] where Capt Harris Company was stationed at Gillies landing on James River for some weeks to prevent vessels from ascending the James River, we were out during this Tour at least eight weeks, a third Tour was performed under Captain John Diggs [sic: John Digges]. we marched down below Richmond 6 weeks our Col was named Meriweather [sic: Meriwether]. the precise time not recollected, but believed to be at least 8 weeks the next tour was under Captain James Montgomery. we marched from Amherst in 1789 [sic] down James River to James Town and I was one of Col Meriweathers guard the day that the battle at Jamestown with Cornwallis was fought [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and was on the battle ground early next morning. our General was Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] Wayne & Fayette [sic: generals Anthony Wayne and Lafayette] there. This tour was about two months. The last Tour was commenced under Captain John Loving who marched to the Seige of York and was at the takeing of Cornwallis [sic: 19 Oct 1781]. this applicant was furloughed on account of sickness & was not present at the Seige. This applicant does not remember the exact dates nor length of the respective tours aforesaid. This applicant to the best of his belief thinks that his said Several tours & Services amounted to one year performed in the Militia from Amherst County Virginia. this applicant has no discharges nor does he know of any person living to prove his said Services – 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. Sworn to & subscribed the date afs'd in open Court [signed illegibly]

[On 16 Oct 1833 in response to a request by the Pension Office for clarification of the length of service, Hall made another declaration almost in the same words as above. He added the following: "this applicant removed to North Carolina about the year 1798 and remained there a little more than 2 and one half years & then removed to Kentucky, where he has resided ever since and for the Last sixteen years in his present neighbourhood."

NOTES:

If Hall's first tour was as described it could not have occurred before Jan 1779, when the Hessian prisoners captured at Saratoga NY on 17 Oct 1777 arrived at Albemarle Barracks. Col. Charles Lewis commanded the barracks from 23 Dec 1778 until 5 Mar 1779.

A document in the file states that Hall died on 3 Jan 1837.