

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hall S32305

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State of Alabama St. Clair County: SS

William Hall on this Eighth day of January personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judge of the County Court in and for the said County aged eighty-three years last June 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 service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a volunteer in or about the first disturbance in South Carolina at the rising of the Tories on the Rabun's Creek (this Deponent then residing in what was Camden district now York District) that he entered as a volunteer from that District under John Anderson as Captain William Berry Lieutenant Thomas Neil [sic, Thomas Neel] Colonel -- though he believes he was not out at this time -- They marched from the above District to Rabun's Creek -- this was a little before Christmas -- they had a skirmish on the Creek with the Tories -- They took about 100 Tories prisoners who were sent to Charleston. They escorted as a guard the Tories for some distance and then were discharged. His company rendezvoused at the mouth of Saluda River near where Columbia now stands -- and there will a some time to collect men and provisions. ___ was their General -- at this time he served six weeks or more and was then discharged by the Colonel (except the guard for the Tories) near Reedy River -- no written discharge was given -- this happened as this deponent believes in the year 1777 [sic, 1775] -- His next term of service was as a volunteer from the same district -- State -- and Regiment -- at this time he was a horseman -- Francis Ross was his Major, William Byers Captain William Hill Lieutenant -- at this time they rendezvoused at Major Ross on the 14th of February preceding the Battle at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] -- they marched to Augusta (the general place of meeting) and from there to Briar Creek -- when they fell under the command of General Ash (sic, John Ashe). They arrived there on the first of March & in 2 or 3 days had a battle with the British in the fork of Savannah River & Briar Creek -- General Elbert [Samuel Elbert] commanded the Georgians at that place -- After Ashe's Defeat this company & others rendezvoused at Augusta or within 2 miles of it -- & there lay about 3 weeks & were then discharged by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] who became their General. This Deponent received no written discharge at this time. He served about 2 months -- his discharge being in the first of April.

His next term of Service was again as a volunteer and horseman from the same district at this time they rendezvoused on Edisto River -- under General Henderson [William Henderson] and were there employed to collect cattle, a guard & take them to General Greene's [Nathanael

Greene's] Army. This was about August of the year the British were in possession of Charleston -- as this Deponent believes in the year 1780 -- They were out one month -- and were then discharged by General Henderson. No written discharges given.

His next tour of Service was from the same State & district -- as a volunteer & horseman. They collected *in March 1780 under Robert Thompson as Captain -- This Deponent was Lieutenant part of the time -- being elected by the company -- Andrew Neel was there Major until killed and Sumter [Thomas Sumter] their General -- they marched and joined Sumter on Catawba River -- And after marching & retreating at last went to Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] where they fought the British and Tories not succeeding in taking the house where they were -- they marched back to encampment on Catawba River -- and that day we marched (traveling all night) to the Hanging Rock -- where they again had a Battle [August 6, 1780] -- They first fought & defeated the Tories -- and a quarter from there fought the British -- neither gaining the day. The Reinforcement sent to help the Tories they mostly took & killed -- From thence they marched back to the same Encampment -- They did not remain long at any Encampment generally changing their ground to suit an attack or cover retreat -- They then marched some time in the fall to fishing Creek where Sumter was defeated [Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]. This Deponent was not in that Battle -- being out foraging. This Battle was on the next succeeding day after Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] -- As this Deponent recollects of some of Gates officers -- & men coming to them on the evening of the same day that Gates was defeated -- at this time he was not discharged nor any of the men but were dispersed by the surprise of the British on Fishing Creek -- This deponent was out about 6 months in this tour including the time of joining and returning from the Army -- He was out again dispersing the Tories -- but was only out about 2 weeks under Captain Thompson in the same year and twice or thrice afterwards in the succeeding year disarming the Tories & making them take the oath of ¹ allegiance -- At this time how of it they went out themselves -- & without any particular orders -- as minute men whenever occasion called -- or they supposed it necessary. This Deponent never received any written discharge & has no Documentary testimony of any kind -- Except there may be in the Secretary of State's office at Charleston or Columbia. A paper drawn up at the close of the war (at Colonel Hill's Iron works) where most of the Company engaged in the last service and met for the purpose of getting pay from South Carolina -- at this time papers were drawn -- and vouchers given by the officers to prove their Service -- All which vouchers & papers were sent to Charleston by Captain Martin. This Deponent also put in a claim at the same time for a horse that was lost at Briar Creek -- This Deponent, also during the time he was with Sumter lost all that he possessed -- The Tories having been defeated at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780], returned by this Deponent's house & took & destroyed everything -- drove off his cattle & left him and entirely destitute of everything. He knows of no person living at this time except Thomas Townsend or his brother Andrew² -- who are knowing to his service and which he can procure -- Although there may be persons residing in South Carolina -- This Deponent left that State & moved to Georgia a year or 2 after the war & from thence to Alabama -- 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 -- or the agency of any State (or if any) only on that of the agency of South Carolina from which he has never*

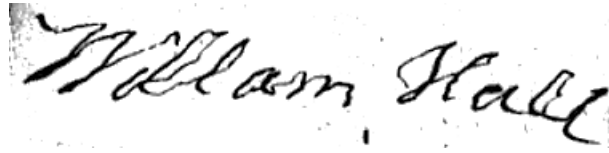
¹ The text shown in italics is missing from the Fold3.com version of this document. This text was found in the HeritageQuest.com version which formerly contained only the "Selected Records" portion of the pension files. That version of the documents is no longer available online.

² [Andrew Townsend S11561](#)

received or asked anything.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ William Hall

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Hall". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Burrel Green, Sheriff, Samuel Boyd, Joel Chandler & Polydore Naylor and John Faust, clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: Finding dated November 18 1842, by the clerk of court of Franklin County State of Alabama at a session held on the first Monday in August of 1842 that William Hall was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$36.34 per annum; that he died in Franklin County Alabama on May 1, 1838 leaving a widow, Jane Hall; and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 3 months and 12 days in the South Carolina infantry and 6 months in the South Carolina cavalry, both in the militia service.]