

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Joseph Wall S7823

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State of North Carolina } To wit
Beaufort County }

On this 22nd day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the worshipful the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the said County, now sitting, Joseph Wall, a resident of the said County, aged seventy four 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 service of the United States in the War of the Revolution & served as herein stated, viz. He was drafted into the Militia Company in the County of Pitt, state aforesaid, which company was commanded by Austin Spain. Sometime afterwards, Captain Williams took command of said Company. Colo. Axum [Benjamin Exum] commanded the Regiment of which said Williams's Company was a part. General [Richard] Caswell was commander in Chief. the term of service of said draft was three months, which said three months was served out & also two months beside in South Carolina, before his discharge. he does not recollect the date of his entrance into the service nor the time when he was discharged. but states that after his entrance into Captain Austin Spain's Company he was marched into different parts of this state & thence into the State of South Carolina where he joined General [Horatio] Gates about a week before the Battle near Camden [16 Aug 1780], where Gates was defeated, in which Battle he was. thence he was marched to Charlotte. thence he and a detachment was sent to Kinston in North Carolina & spent the residue of the said five months in making of catridges - when he was discharged at Kinston. Some time afterwards, & not far from the latter end of the war, on the alarm of Craigs entrance into Newbern in this state [Maj. James Henry Craig's punitive expedition to New Bern, 19 Aug 1781], he volunteered and served about a month in a Company of Militia commanded by John Gadby [or Godby] - under the command of Colo [James] Gorham. the alarm being over & the enemy gone, he was discharged & returned home - & some time afterwards and about the year 1780 [sic] he volunteered again in the County of Pitt in a Company commanded by Captain Morris in the state Regiment commanded by Colo. Lewis & Major Bilberry or Major Crafton he does not recollect which. this latter engagement was for a twelve months tour & he was marched to Hillsborough & a part of the Corps was stationed there to Guard the General Assembly & a part was posted along the line of South Carolina to watch the Tories. he was detained the whole twelve months, and at the end of it was discharged at said Town of Hillsboro about October in the year 1781 as well as he can now remember.

He is now in the evening of life, in slender circumstances & has a family to support. 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, except that of North Carolina & that he has no document to prove his service nor does he know of one his associates now living who served with him

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] Joseph Hall