

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Hall S9558

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State of Virginia } SS

Hanover County }

On this 24th day of October 1833, personally appeared in open court before the court of the said county now sitting John Hall a resident of the county and State aforesaid aged Seventy eight or nine 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 [page torn; 1832]

That in the later part of the summer of the year before the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] he was drafted from the militia of the county of Louisa and marched in the company of Capt [Robert] Mosby to Richmond. At that place was attached to the regiment of Major De Cloman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] – marched to Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] then through the counties of Isle of Wight and Surry to a place called McKay's Mills [Mackie's Mill S of Smithfield] – thence to Petersburg and was there discharged. And that in this tour he served two months as private – there was a company of regulars and a regiment of militia – declarants Colo Goodale & Colo Ennis no other regular officers than De Cloman, was in no battle and remembers no event of note. That in the following winter he was again drafted from the county of Hanover where he then resided and marched as private [page torn] the militia of that county under Lieut Jack Thompson [John Thompson] to Richmond was attached to the regiment of Major [Charles] Magill commonly called the Marquises Regiment. Marched up and down James River several times – crossed at Westover and again at Richmond – served two months and was discharged Got to Westham before the magazine set on fire by Arnold had entirely burned down [Gen. Benedict Arnold, 5-7 Jan 1781] – was in no battle – part of his regiment were regulars. There was but the one regiment. Recollects no other officers than Major Magill Colos Goodale and Ennis – and remembers no event of interest. That some time in the following summer he was again drafted from the Hanover Militia and marched as private under Capt. [Edward] Bullock to Richmond – marched thence to New Castle [now Old Church] – thence by West point to Gloucester [sic: Gloucester]. Was at Sowell's old field [sic: Seawell's Old Field] at Ware Church [near Gloucester] and the Burnt Ordinary [8 mi NW of Williamsburg] and other places protecting the country from the British who were in Gloucester town never saw the enemy – heard firing towards York and was discharged (it was said) the day Genl. Washington reached York, and that in this tour he served two months. Major Campbell commanded the corps which was part militia and part regulars – was never with the army and does not recollect any other regular or militia officers except Colo Taylor. That he never received a written discharge and has no documentary evidence. That he can prove his service by testimony [page torn] Witnesses and that he refers for his character and the reputation of the neighbourhood as to his service, to the Rev'd John Harris, Chas Thompson jr Esqr. and Austin Pate – 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 or territory.

His replies to Question 1st I was born in the County of Hanover on 30th march I think 1754

To Question 2^d I have a family register at home.

To Question 3^d I lived in the County of Louisa when first called into service, and in Hanover in the 2nd & 3rd calls, and ever since in the s'd County of Hanover

To Question 4th I was drafted in each Call.

To Question 5th Maj Campbell to these, who are named in the above declaration [as regular officers where he served], and for the rest the question was answered to the Satisfaction of the Co't.

To Question 6 I never received any discharge in writing.

To Question 7th The Rev'd John Harris, Austen Pate, & Charles Thompson Jr

Sworn to subscribed the day and year aforesaid

John hisXmark Hall

Virginia Hanover County, towit:

Be it known that on this day 2^d of November 1833 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared Joseph Woolfolk a resident of the said County & State aged Seventy years as appears to me a credible person, and being duly sworn deposeth and saith, That he knows that John Hall served a Tour of duty as a private soldier during the revolutionary war, under Edward Bullock as Capt. That this affiant was present when the said John Hall started in the service under the said Capt. Edward Bullock from Brown's old Tavern in the aforesaid County of Hanover and that he saw said Hall some few months after his return, when a conversation took place between us relative to the said Tour of duty, and the sufferings, and hardships attendant on s'd Tour

[signed] Joseph Woolfolk

State of Virginia

Louisa County Ss.]

Be it known that on this 12th day of Nov. 1833 before me a Justice of the Peace, in & for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Cyrus Harris [pension application S37977], a resident of said County, aged seventy four years, as he states, & highly creditable in my esteem, & being duly sworn saith – that he knows that John Hall served a tour of duty of three months as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War under Capt Mosby, who was under Maj'r. McGill.

Sworn & subscribed before me

Cyrus hisXmark Harris

Virginia

Louisa County (SS)

Be it known that on this 18th day of November 1833, before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared Davis Hall a resident of the said County and State, aged Sixty Seven years, and as appears to me a credible person, and being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he knows that John Hall served a Tour of duty for two months as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War, under Lieutenant John Thompson, who was under Maj'r. Campbell, who was under Col. John Taylor. (The Captain whose name was Hayden did not serve during s'd. Tour.) That this affiant served with the said John Hall, in the same Company during the aforesaid Tour and returned from said service together.

David hisXmark Hall

[In this file is the following application for bounty land by the widow of a different soldier named John Hall. There does not appear to have been a Captain Allen or a Col Mathews in the Henry County Militia.]
STATE OF Alabama } ss.

COUNTY OF Coosa }

On this 14th day of May A.D., one thousand eight hundred and 56 personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Hall aged 93 years, a resident of Coosa County, in the State of Alabama, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that she is the widow of John Hall, deceased, who was a Private in the company commanded by Captain Allen in the [blank] Regiment of [blank] commanded by Col Mathews in the war of the Revolution That her said husband drafted at Henry County Va on or about the [blank] day of [blank] A.D. 1782 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months and was discharged at [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank] A.D., 1782 as will appear by the muster rolls of said company written discharge burnt in house

She further states that she was married to the said John Hall in Henry County Virginia on the [blank] day of [blank] A.D., 1780 by one John Googe[?], a minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Rion [Elizabeth Ryan?]

She knows of no public or private record of said marriage that her said husband died at Shelby County Ala on the [blank] day of [blank] A.D., 1826 and that she is now a widow at the date of executing this her declaration.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855.

Elizabeth herXmark Hall