

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Halks W10307

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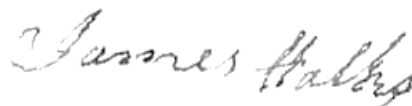
South Carolina

James Halks of Haywood County North Carolina personally came before me and being duly sworn declared with that sometime in the year 1776 he enlisted as a Common Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the Service of the United States in the 2nd Continental Regiment of the Virginia line Colonel William Brent of General Mullenburgh's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade. That at the time he enlisted the company was commanded by Lieutenant William Baskerville in the absence of Captain Lewis Burwell who was afterwards superseded by Captain Henry Dudley. That he first joined his Regiment at Williamsburg & headquarters of the main Army at Valley Forge – and marched from thence to Monmouth and was in the battle [June 28, 1778] at that place, as also in the attack on Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. That he regularly and faithfully discharge the duties of a soldier in the said Regiment for three years the period of his enlistment and something more and was discharged at Fredericksburg in Virginia in February 1781 by Major John Lee which discharge is lost.

The Declarer further saith that he is a native of the United States and has always heretofore & still resides therein & that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to & subscribed 28th December 1818

S/ James Halks



S/ David Johnson

John Jeffries being sworn deposeth that he knew the with then James Halks as a common Soldier in the 2nd Continental Regiment of the Virginia line Colonel Brent, that he was informed & believes that he enlisted for three years and has every confidence that he served out the term of his enlistment.

S/ John Jeffries, X his mark

[Attested in Union County South Carolina December 28, 1818]

¹ former widow of veteran and Nathan Curry

[p 10: On May 31, 1847 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Thomas Garrett, 73, filed an application for a pension under the 1838 act on behalf of himself and the other heirs of Rachel Halks, the widow of James Halks, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month; that James Halks married Rachel Thompson in 1781; that Rachel remained his wife until James Halks died in October 1820; that Rachel in October 1829 married Nathan Curry who died June 10, 1843; that the said Rachel departed this life December 20, 1843 not having married after the death of Nathan Curry; that the affiant has in his possession the family Bible which belonged to and was kept by James Halks containing the record of the births of the children of said James and Rachel; that said record shows that their first child was Isaac born February 25, 1782; that affiant is the son-in-law of James & Rachel Halks having married Catharine, now one of the surviving children of James and Rachel. The affiant signed his application with his mark.]

[p 12: family register:

Isaac Halk son of James Halk and Rachel his wife was born February the 25th 1782

Catharine Halk Daughter of James was born [month illegible] 18th 1784

John Halk son of the same was born June 27th 1786

Nancy Halk Daughter of the same was born April 25th 1788

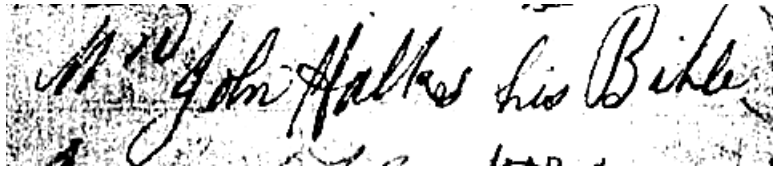
Polley Halk Daughter of the same was born October the 16, 1792

[first name is illegible] Halk daughter of the same was born February the 19 [could be 14] 1795

Salley Halk Daughter of the same was born June the 23rd 1797

Elizabeth Halk Daughter of the same was born December 22nd 1799

Mr. John Halks Bible

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mr. John Halks Bible". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right. The signature is written on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper.

[p 35: On November 8, 1847 in Greenville District South Carolina, Thomas Garrett, filed another document in which he states that at the time Rachel Thompson Halks Curry died she was a bye-bye 3 children, Catharine Garrett, wife of the affiant, Nancy Nations and Sally Reese.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 28, 1818, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line. His former widow's heirs were allowed a pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing June 10, 1843 [when her 2nd husband Nathan Curry died] and terminating December 20, 1843 [when the widow died].]