

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hall <sup>1</sup> W25741

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State of Kentucky Harlan County & Circuit: Sct.

On this 13th day of May 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the Circuit aforesaid James Hall age Seventy-two years and a resident of the aforesaid County of Harlan who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said James Hall enlisted for the term of 14 months on the \_\_\_ in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. David Dixon in the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Jack in the line of the State of Georgia on the Continental establishment -- that he continued to serve in the said Corps until \_\_\_ when he was discharged from the said service at Midway Meeting house in Liberty County in the State of Georgia -- That he was in the battle of Eutaw [September 8, 1781]<sup>2</sup> and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services except what may appear from the military archives of the revolutionary war at Washington City & Milledgeville Georgia.

S/ James Hall

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ James Hall

One mare worth fifteen dollars -- one cow & calf worth \$10 -- one sow & four shoats worth \$5 -- one feather bed ten dollars.

S/ James Hall

He further states that he has a wife and seven children two boys & five girls -- his boys are named Allen & Sampson<sup>3</sup> -- his girls Sarah, Esther, Mary, Martha & Dorothy -- his oldest son

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt87048-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>3</sup> He was not living when the veteran filed his second application in 1824.

Allen is fifteen years of age, Sampson upwards two since last December, Dorothy going 12 years of age, Sarah near ten years, Esther near nine years, Mary going in her seventh year, Martha going in her fifth year -- the seven together cannot make a support for themselves nor could they by their mother's labor added -- nor is this applicant able to make a support for himself & family by the aid of all put together & that he is in such reduced circumstances to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

S/ Geo. Brittain, Clk

S/ James Hall<sup>4</sup>

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State of Kentucky Perry County

On the twenty first day of November 1825 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Jno Eve Circuit Judge it being a Court of record for the 15 Judicial District of Kentucky made so by act of Assembly and proceeding according to the course of the common law with unlimited jurisdiction James Hall, aged seventy-four since the 10th of last May resident Citizen in the County of Harlan aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820 and under the Act of 6 March 1823, that he the said Hall enlisted as a private for the term of two years in the month of October (as he believes) in the year 1776 (as well as he recollects) in the County of Union State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. David Dixon in the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Jack in the line of the State of Georgia (as he believes) on the line of Continental establishment That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the term of fourteenth [sic] months when he was discharged by his Col. aforesaid (which he has long since lost) from said service at Midway Meeting house, Liberty County State of Georgia.

S/ Jas Hall<sup>5</sup>

The foregoing is intended as an amendment to his former declaration made before the Court aforesaid on the 18th May 1824 and in pursuance of the Acts of Congress mentioned as aforesaid I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed:

One mare worth fifteen dollars -- one cow & Calf worth \$15 & no more amounting in all \$30.

S/ Jas. Hall

He further states that he has a wife and Six children -- his son Allen going on 18 years old able to maintain himself by labour, his daughter Dorothy 15 years old able to maintain herself by work, Sarah 13 years supposed to be able in part to maintain herself, Easter 11 years old, Mary 9 years old, Mathing [sic] 7 years old (our other son in his former schedule is dead) the whole of the labor of his children aforesaid united together would not be sufficient to maintain them or with

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<sup>4</sup> All of the signatures appearing on this document appear to be in the same handwriting as the body of the document itself. Consequently, I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran.

<sup>5</sup> ditto

the labour of their mother united his wife Elizabeth aged about forty-eight or fifty in consequence of old age & from many years sickness unable to maintain herself -- His occupation is that of a farmer but in consequence of old age and infirmities and the entire loss of the use of his right hand occasioned by a wound received in the wrist while in the service of his Country as aforesaid at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs he is unable to support himself or to render any assistance by labour. The reason why he has not filed this [indecipherable word or words] sooner will be explained by reference to his former declaration named as aforesaid from which he never has yet heard the result at the War Department. He hereby relinquishes all claim to any other Pension whatever & that his name is not on the Pension roll of this or any other State.

S/ Jas. Hall

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State of Kentucky Harlan County} SS

On this 4 day of November 1833 personally appeared before Jonathan Kelly, John Hendrixson, John Creech and Hiram Jones the Justices of the Harlan County Court now sitting James Hall a resident of Cumberland River in the County of Harlan and State of Kentucky aged 82 years on the 10th day of May last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he was drafted in May 1776 for a tour of two months in the State of South Carolina district of Ninety Six (there being no counties at that time) between Broad and Tyger [rivers] about 6 miles from fish-dam Ford on Broad River where he then resided -- under Thomas Branum [sic, Thomas Brandon] Capt., Joseph Jolly Lieut., William Grant Ensign, John Thomas Col. we marched from Col. Thomas' Mill the place of Rendezvous and where we were encamped about one month -- to the Cherokee Nation -- before we got to the nation we were joined by Col. Neill [sic, probably Thomas Neel] off of the Catawba [River] -- we destroyed a great many Towns by burning, cut down their corn and did them all the damage we could -- one of the Towns was named Eastatoa where we were stationed -- after my two months was out I with many others volunteered to stay as long as our officers had need of us -- at Eastatoa we were relieved by fresh Troops when the corn was hard and went home, in this Tour I served as a drafts man two months and as a volunteer two months at the least --

Afterwards to wit in the fall or latter part of the summer of 1777 I enlisted for two years at my same place of residence in the state troops of Georgia called the minute men under David Dixon Capt. \_\_ Carinton Lieut., Samuel Jack, Col. William Ferrel Lt. Col. the name of the Major & Ensign not remembered. We rendezvoused at a place called Wells' Fort on the Ogeechee River the line between the whites and the Indians. We were forted here to guard the Frontiers until the Florida expedition came on under General Howe [Robert Howe of North Carolina].<sup>6</sup> I then marched to Augusta. At this place it was proposed to the soldiers if they would volunteer and go the Florida expedition under Howe we were to receive a discharge for our two years service. I with many more volunteered -- we joined the Georgia militia at Augusta -- my same officers accompanied me in this expedition this was as well as I remember in May or June 1778. At Reid's Bluff we came in sight of the American Army under General Howe. Howe marched one day ahead of us until we came to St. Mary's River at a placed called Burnt-foot Brown's [Thomas

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<sup>6</sup> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer]

<https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/revolutionary-war-georgia#Three-Invasions-of-Florida>

Brown's] Breastwork -- he was a Tory but fled upon our approach -- we here joined General Howe -- a difference here occurred between our officers -- as I understood it General Howe wanted to be head commander of all the troops and our officers were unwilling -- Howe left us with his Army -- we were marched to a place called little St. Mary's where the enemy had whipped some of our folks a while before -- but when we got there they had evacuated the place, we then retreated back into the State of Georgia and at Midway Meeting house liberty County I was discharged for this service I received a written discharge signed by my Col. Samuel Jack -- I lost this discharge after the fall of Charleston.

In the winter before Charleston was taken I was drafted for a tour of two months in the State of South Carolina in Ninety Six district where I lived when I joined the Army both of my other Tours William Fair [William Farr] was Capt. -- I believe my Lieut. was by the name of Phil Trammell -- Bullock [perhaps Zachariah Bullock] was Major. We marched from here to Bush Island in the month of December or January and in the winter of 1779 and 1780 -- There we joined Col. Pekins [sic, Andrew Pickens] our company at this time was light-horse -- we were stationed here a little while, then marched to Georgia and joined some Troops under Col. Twigs [John Twiggs] -- we marched back to Bush Island and were there discharged -- I received no written discharge for this service -- nor for my first service in the Cherokee Nation.

In the summer of 1781 I was drafted under George Avery [George Aubrey] Capt. Benjamin Jolly Major at my same place of residence. I declare solemnly I do not remember what was the length of this Tour that I undertook to serve -- we marched to Ancrum's old place on the Congaree River there we crossed the River and joined General Pickens the day before the Battle of the Eutaw Springs we joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- on the 8th day of September 1781 we fought the Battle of the Eutaw Springs -- I well remember this day for I received a wound in my right wrist which destroyed the Joint and has left me a cripple to this day -- orders came for all the wounded to go to the hospital in the high hills of Santee, but by the entreaties of my officers I was allowed to return home. I received no discharge for this service which was the last I ever was called on to perform. My wound rendering me on fit for duty as it has unfit for hard labour ever since. I know of no person living by whom I can prove any of my services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any state.

Quere 1<sup>st</sup> <sup>7</sup>: I was born in London [sic, Loudoun County] County Virginia on the 10th day of May 1751.

2<sup>nd</sup> I have no record in my possession of my age I have seen it frequently in the Bible

3<sup>rd</sup> I was living in the State of South Carolina Ninety Six district when called into the

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<sup>7</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

service -- I lived in the South State until it was laid off in Counties -- I then moved to the North State Buncombe County from there to Harlan County Kentucky (which was then Knox) where I have resided for 23 or 24 years and still reside.

4<sup>th</sup> I first went out as a drafts man for 2 months I then volunteered and served 2 months longer -- I then enlisted in the State Troops of Georgia for 2 years as a minute man and served out my time -- I was again drafted for 2 months and for my last service as a drafts man I served until I was wounded at the Eutaw Springs -- but I will not state for what length of time I was drafted but feel confident I did not serve less than 2 months.

5<sup>th</sup> I have stated the names of my General officers (to wit) General Greene, Pickens, Howe and others -- I do not remember the number of any of the regiments with whom I served.

6<sup>th</sup> I received one written discharge from the service for a Tour of 2 years which was signed by Col. Samuel Jack

7<sup>th</sup> I am known to every person in the surrounding country, having been engaged for 14 years last past in trying to preach the Gospel of Jesus -- my stiff rist [wrist] could but be observed by my audiences -- and the causes upon fit occasion truly explained, for I took pride in giving an account of those days which tried men's love of liberty -- I am known to Col. Elijah Green -- William Green, Elisha Green, Lewis Green, Solomon Taylor Esquire, John Hendrixson, Esquire Joseph Benjsey [?], Esquire Samuel Howard and John Jones who I doubt not if present would testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Hall<sup>8</sup>

[Solomon Taylor and John Hendrixson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: On May 14, 1857, in Benton County Arkansas, Elizabeth Hall, 78, filed a claim stating that she is the widow of James Hall, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him in the year 1798 or 1799 in the County of Buncombe, State of North Carolina; that they were married by Gabriel Keith Esquire; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Sousby or Susby<sup>9</sup>; that her husband died in Harlan County Kentucky July 27, 1837 and that she remains his widow; and that she claims the bounty land to which he is entitled under the 1855 act. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: other children are named in the file include Hannah born in February 1800; Anthony born March 29, 1802, living in Anson County Arkansas in 1858; Elizabeth [date of birth not given].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 2 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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