

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isham Hall W7638

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia } Sct

Campbell County }

On this 21st day of Jany. 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber Benja. Hayden, one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and by virtue of that said office one of the Justices of the County Court of the County of Campbell va. Isham Hall, who is a resident of said County, aged a little rising[?] of seventy years: who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 in relation to the officers and soldiers of the revolution. The said Isham Hall on oath saith that he entered the service of the United States as a private in the militia of Bedford, now Campbell County Virginia; in the year 177 [sic] he volunteered under Colo. Ch's. Lynch [Charles Lynch] of that County and joined the Rifle company of Capt. the name he don't recollect certain, yet he thinks it was Capt. Leftwich; he joined the said Rifle company as a volunteer, at the eastern or lower end of said County; where he marched with his Compay to Petersburg Va. where he served three months tour. the Company was stationed at Petersburg; and, as the British army was expected to attack that place, we remained there the whole three months. He cannot recollect he names of any more officers. he is very infirm, both in body and mind, and his memory has failed him. He believes that the Rev'd. Henry Brown [pension application S8098] of Campbell Co. was in the same service at Petersburg under Colo. Lynch, but he is not certain of this fact.

His next service was in the militia from the same County, as a private under Capt. [Adam] Clement, in the year [blank] when he marched to the State of South Carolina to a place, or fort called 96, where he staid and served three months [Siege of Ninety-Six, 22 May - 19 June 1781]; soon after we reached that place, when employed in the night a ditching before the outworks of the fort, the enemy attacked us, and our Capt Clement ordered us all to retreat, but the men, myself among them did not obey his orders, but remained in the trenches, fought the enemy, and drove them back in to the fort. For this order and such conduct, the said Capt. Clement was broke and sent home, when I was put under the command of Capt. Robert Cobb [Robert Cobbs, pension application W18929], who once lived in this County; we did not take that fort, but marched on to Salisbury in N. Carolina, where after serving out this tour of three months he was discharged and came home. He cant recollect the names of any other officers in this campaign. His next service was also as a private in the militia under Capt. Lyon of Henry County, Va as a volunteer; he served in western virginia this tour; marched to Johnsons fort Wythe County va [formed in 1789 from Montgomery and Grayson counties]; and was called upon and expected to fight the Indians; but we remained at that fort the whole time under Capt. Lyon – and after serving three months was discharged and sent home. He thus served nine months in all; he well recollects every tour, and where he marched to, but from his infirmities cannot be more particular. 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. He has lost his discharge, and he has no written evidence, nor does he know of any living witness to his said services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Isham Hall

[Certified by Andrew S. Whitlow and Henry Brown, who stated that they believed Hall to be between 79 and 80 years old.]

Questions put by the magistrate

1st. Where, and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Albemarle county va. but when I don't know.

- 2^d. Have you any record of your age?
Ans. No. I have not, but I believe I am not far from seventy years old.
- 3^d. Where were you living when called in to service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
Ans. in the lower end of Bedford, now Campbell County; I have lived in this County ever since the time I moved from Albemarle, just before the war of the revolution. I moved from there to this County, was then nearly a grown man
- 4th. How were you called in to service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if so for whom?
Ans. I volunteered two tours; and the other term I went when my number in the company was called for.
- 5th. 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 services.
And. I cannot recollect any names but of my Captain's and Colo. Lynch, nor do I now remember anything [illegible word], but what I have stated.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given? and what has become of it.
Ans. Ah[?], I cant tell what's become of it; but I rec'd. one – my Capt gave me a discharge when I left them. they are lost.
7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.
Ans. Mastin Clay, Samuel Tardy[?], Benjamin Porter, Jas. Callaway, Charles Martin, Capt. Thos. Fox, and Andrew Whitlow.

NOTE: On 19 Jan 1845 Zuriiah Hall, 83, applied for a pension stating that as Zuriiah Lane, residing in Bedford County, she was married to Isham Hall in Halifax County in Aug 1782 or 1783 by Rev. Nathaniel Hall, a Baptist minister, and that her husband died 31 Dec 1843. Sally Lane or Lain, sister of Isham Hall and resident of Pittsylvania County, deposed that she and her husband were at the "infair" (affair?) given after the wedding of Isham and Zuriiah Hall. On 13 July 1846 Capt. Thomas Fox stated that William Hall, one of their children, was about 60 years old.