Pension Application of Thomas Rall, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 1994, Application #R8566

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Lexington District, SC, May 1, 1846, Thomas Rall, aged 83 years:

“He first entered the service as a volunteer in Captain Godfrey Dreher’s company stationed near Saluda in what is now Lexington District, and acting as a scouting company against the Tories who infested the neighborhood. From thence went to Granby, and was there stationed with the same company in the fort for a short time under Lieutenant Owens of the volunteers. From thence, proceeded to the bridge across Congaree Creek near Granby, where he was stationed with the same company and commanded to guard the bridge. The foregoing service was performed against the Tories and not under any regular or Continental officer…”

“After his service as aforesaid, he was enrolled as a militiaman in Captain Bartholomew Gartman’s company of Colonel Water’s regiment of militia of South Carolina. After this, a draft of the militia was ordered and a draft took place in Captain Bartholomew Gartman’s company, to which deponent was attached, and deponent fell into the second division, that is, those who were to perform the second tour of service.”

“One Sebastian Hoffman was drafted among the first division for duty, and deponent became a substitute for him, and served out that tour, after which, it being his own time according to the allotment, he entered in that service, and during that time and about the time of the expiration of this tour, the militia were discharged, himself among the number. This service as a substitute for Hoffman as above mentioned and as a draughted militiaman was performed in Colonel Hammond’s regiment of draughted militia, and under General Greene of the Continental Army, while stationed at Bacon’s Bridge not far from Charleston, and that took place near the close of the war after the enemy’s forces were confined mostly to Charleston.”

“…That his service in Fort Granby before mentioned, was after its surrender to the Americans. That he was engaged in no battle during his service…”