Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Hall R4478

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State of Tennessee } September Session 1832

Blount County } On the 25th day or September personally appeared in open Court, before

the acting Justices of the peace for said County, and for the court of pleas

and quarter sessions now acting in and for the county of Blount James Hall and being first duly sworn according to law, doth, upon his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the benefit of act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

This applicant states, that he was born June 29th 1760 in the State of Pennsylvania (the county not recollected) From thence he was moved at an early age to the State of North Carolina and County of Gilford [sic: Guilford] From thence he was moved to Montgomery County State of Virginia – At which place he entered the service at the age of 17 or 18 under the command of Capt. Preston as a volunteer. He further states, that he was in the service from time to time about two years as well as he can recollect, but to say precise time for which he volunteered from the first he cannot now recollect. But to the best of his recollection it was about one year, during which time he says he was in no regular battle, but that he was in several little skirmishes — and at the expiration of the above mentioned time he says, he enlisted – and before his time expired the war ended. He states, that when he enlisted, that he was placed under the command of Capt. Iasace [sic] Campbell in the light horse – He says further, that he was under the command of Colonel William Campbell – during which time he states that he was in the battle fought at the shallow ford on the Atkin River [sic: Yadkin River in North Carolina, 14 Oct 1780]–

This applicant states, that after his service as a volunteer expired, he returned home and enlisted and entered the service at Montgomery Cty. Virginia – From thence he says, that he marched to King's Mountain – From thence he marched to the Atkin River and fought the battle mentioned above – and continued in the service afterwards untill the war ended – From the State of Virginia he moved to Washington County State of Tennessee– From thence he moved to Kentucky, Logan County – From thence he moved to the State of Tennessee Davidson County. From thence he moved to Washington County in same state – From thence he moved to Blount County in same state of Tennessee where he has remained ever since. This applicant states, that he does not now recollect whether he rec'd. a discharge or not; he says if he did, he does not now recollect what has become of it. He says furthermore, that he can prove by George Caldwell [pension application S3141] and George Ewing that he was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he as is stated above in this his decleration. He further declares, that he is not on the Agency of any State – and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pention or anuity except the present–

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court (it being a court of Record this 25th day of September 1832 [signed] James hall

State of Tennessee } September Sessions of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the Blount County } County of Blount 24th Sept. 1833

On the 24th day of September 1833 personally appeared James Hall in open Court and after having been sworn according to law, doth make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. This applicant states to the best of his recollection he entered the service as a private soldier in the revolutionary war, in 1778, he served as a volunteer under the command of Capt Overton first, was afterward placed or transferred to the command of Capt. Isaac Campbell who was Capt. of the light horse. He was in the battle fought at the Adkin river, and continued in service until the termination of the revolutionary war. He states confidently he was in the service for two years, he

believes several months more, but owing to old age his memory is impaired and he cannot state with precision the length of time he served more than two years, but knows well, he served two years, and more, that he continued in the army until the close of the war. He further states, the two Captains under whom he served were Preston & Campbell that the Commanding Col. was Col. William Campbell. There were other officers of inferior grade, whose names, at his now advanced age he cannot recollect.

[signed] James hall

[James Wiley stated that he had served at the same time as Hall. See endnote.]

The further Amended Declaration of James Hall in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. On this the 26th day of March 1834 James Hall the applicant for a pension personally appeared in open Court, it being the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Blount in the State of Tennessee, and after being duly sworn made the following amended Declaration. He states as to the particular periods of his service, that after mature reflection on his past revolutionary services and convirsing with his old brother soldiers who served with him, he can confidently state the first term he served in the revolutionary war was for the year 1778 – at this time we were called minute men as we were compelled to be ready at a minutes warning – at this time I was in Capt. Isaac Campbell's company, and William Campbell was Col Commandant. The next period was for six months in the same year and under the same officers. I then served three months at a time until the war ended. I know in the whole I served two years certainly and I believe several months more, but I do not wish ask compensation for longer services than I am certain I am entitled to. I am now aged and infirm and it cannot be expected that I can recollect with precission the days and months that have so long gone by. I am certain of the period of three months, first, of six months next, and that the other periods I served three months at a time until the end of the war, making I know in the whole two years certainly – I was in actual service.

[signed] James hall

[George Caldwell stated that Hall served three months before they served together six months in 1778.]

[The following was in support of the application by a son of James Hall, as explained in the endnote.] State of Tennessee } SS.

Blount County }

On this 4th day of August 1845 personally appeared before the worshipful County court in and for the County & State aforesaid, when sitting for ordinary purposes Robert Rhea a resident of said county and a pensioner of the United States [application W10235] whose credibility and intilligence is hereby certified by the Court, aged eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath depose and say that he was personally well acquainted with James Hall late of said County, at the time of the war of the revolution, and from his personal knowledge testifies of the service of the said James Hall in said war, having served with him in several detachments of Virginia militia in the years 1779 and 1780 for short terms under Captains Love, Preston and their subalterns amounting in all to five or six months; & in a company of Cavelry under Captain Isaac Campbell, Lieutenant Michael Gleaves, Ensign William Dean – Col. Walter Crocket [sic: Walter Crockett], Maj. ___ Floyd [probably Joseph Cloyd] – Gen William Campbell from early in May seventeen hundred and eighty, to the month of June or July seventeen hundred and eighty two – that the said troops rendesvoused on New River at the Lead mines & Fort Chisel [sic: lead mines at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] & was in service in Virginia & North Carolina & was at the battle of the Shallow ford of the Yadkin on the Saturday after the battle of King's Mountain [7 Oct 1780].

And the said Robert Rhea further deposes that he was at and witnessed the marriage ceremony of the said James Hall and Margaret Wyley, late Margaret Hall, on Cripple creek in Montgomery County, Virginia, which marriage took place in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two (1782) shortly after his return from the army. [signed] Robt Rhea

NOTE: On 13 Feb 1840 Margaret Hall, 72, of Monroe County TN applied for a pension stating that she was married by a German preacher to James Hall in the first week of September 1782 on Cripple Creek near Wythe County VA, and that her husband died 11 March 1836. She stated that she had the date of the marriage "in the Confession of Faith, which Quint Hall took off long ago, at least 30 years." According to a letter by her son, James W. Hall, dated 5 April 1845, Margaret Hall's pension was delayed for proof of her marriage, and before such proof could be found she died on 30 May 1840. The proof of marriage was presumably the first family record transcribed below. James W. Hall stated that he was the second child of James and Margaret Hall, a previous child having died in infancy, and that the following children were also still living: John Hall, Elizabeth Kelsoe, Euphema Pursley, Mahala Upton, all of Monroe County, and Caswell Hall of Bradley County TN. James Wiley, age 83, of Blount County TN, stated that he had a pension from the United States, but I could find no pension application. He stated that he had been present at the marriage of James Hall and Margaret Wiley, his sister. On 5 Aug 1852 James W. Hall assigned power of attorney to obtain pension owed to his late mother, Margaret Hall. On 7 March 1853 James Hall submitted the second family record transcribed below, which was copied from the original in the possession of a brother.

FIRST FAMILY RECORD

BIRTHS

James Hall, Senor was born on the 29th of June In the year of our Lord, 1760 Margaret Hall, was Born June A.D. 1768

James Hall Jnr was born on the 8th Day of July In the year of our Lord 1787 John Hall was born on the 4th Day of November In the year of our lord 1789 Elizabeth Hall was Born in the year of our Lord 1791 March the 6th Famy Hall, was Born on the ye 27th of February in the year of our Lord 1795 Martha Hall, was Born on the 16th of November In the year of our Lord, 1798 Paty M, M, Hall, was Born on the 22nd of May In the year of our Lord, 1801 Ibby Hall, was Born on the 9th of November In the year of our Lord, 1803 Andrew Hall, was Born on the 3^d of March In the year of our Lord, 1806 Caswell Hall, was Born on the 21st of November In the year of our Lord, 1808 MARRIAGES

Caswell Hall Was born on the 21st of November in the year of our Lord, 1808 Mary Ann Hall Was born on the 11 of June in the year of Our Lord – 1815 And was maried The sixth of September 1832

SECOND FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

James Hall & Ruth Parks was Maried 23^d day of December 1808 Silvester Cable & Arby Hall was Married Oct. 13th day 1825 BIRTHS

James W Hall Junr was Borne on the 8th day of July in the year 1787 Katy Hall was Borne on the 18th day of July 1809
Calvin M Hall was Borne on the 29th day of May 1811
Samuel P. Hall was Borne on the 9th day of October 1813
Uphamy Hall was Borne on the 17th day of December 1815
John P Hall was Borne on February 11th day 1822
Joseph C. Hall was Borne on the 16th day of December 1820
William S. Hall was Borne the 9th day of March 1822
James C. Hall Junior was Born the 13th of January 1824

Silvester Y. Hall was Born the 28 of March 1826 Caswel Hall ["was born" written below line] march The 31, 1828 Ruthe Margaret Hall was born on march 7th 1830 DEATHS Joseph Parks Departed this life on the 30th day of April 1816 James Hall Sen Departed this life on 11th day of March 1836 Age 75 Margaret Hall departed this Life the 30 May 1840