

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hall R22017

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State of Missouri County of Iron: SS

On this 6th day of April A.D. 1858 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Iron County in the State of Missouri now sitting John Hall a resident of the town of Ironton in the County of Iron and State of Missouri aged ninety-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted with Colonel Penticost and served as Captain of a company in Colonel Penticost's Regiment and General Morgan's Army. The precise time he entered service he does not now recollect but it was in the year 1779 or thereabouts as he is certain that it was when he was of the age of 18 years.

He entered service in town of Hertford County Perquimans and State of North Carolina and as a Volunteer he marched through North Carolina and Virginia under Colonel Penticost Regiment and was with his Company while in North Carolina engaged part of the time as a Scouting party to watch the advances of the enemy and thus acted under the direction of General Morgan. He was engaged in the battle of Guilford Court House –

He remained in actual service until the close of the Revolutionary war when he was honorably discharged. He knew both of the above named officers –

He further says that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John V. Logan, Presiding Justice

S/ John Hall, X his mark

[J. R. Pratt, a clergyman, and Hiram V. Tony [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Missouri County of Iron: SS: On this 20th day of December 1858, personally appeared in open Court, before the Iron County Court, now sitting, John Hall a resident of the town of Ironton in the County of Iron and State of Missouri, aged about ninety-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – I entered the service of the United States under Colonel Penticost about the first day of March in the year 1781, but by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory I cannot state precisely how long I served nor cannot swear positively to the precise length of my service, but according to the best of my recollection I served not less than two months the whole time as a Captain, never was under but one engagement, I resided in the town of Perquimans (about five miles from Hartford) in the County of Perquimans, State of North Carolina when I entered the service. I entered the service as a volunteer, I was engaged in the Battle of Guilford Court House. After we had enlisted we all met at Hatford [sic], the County seat of Perquimans, went from Hatford [Hertford] through Gates County and crossed the Maherrin [Meherrin] River, which [two indecipherable words] is called the Chowan, through Hatford & Bertie counties and others I cannot recollect – I do not recollect what Continental Companies or regiments I served with. I was acquainted with Penticost and Marion [sic]. We crossed the Maherrin River at Tommy Winn's ferry – Bill Blackmun and myself were appointed Captains. After the battle of Guilford Court House, we went down to Pedee [River] to the Cape Fear River and up the Cape Fear River to Fayetteville, remained there for 2 or 3 months and were ordered to disband and return to our homes – Peter Williams was our fifer this was all the music we had with us. We arrived at Guilford Court House but a very short time before the battle. I signed my name to the muster roll – Dutch John Hall to distinguish me from other men of the same name living in the neighborhood. I was also well acquainted with Captain Martin, and I further state that I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service.

Interrogatories presented by the War Department

I Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Perquimans County, North Carolina in the year 1759 or 1760 –

II. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer – There is a record of my age but I do not know where it is –

III. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer – I lived at Perquimans, Perquimans County, North Carolina, when called into service. From there after the Revolutionary war I removed to Guilford, from there I moved to Muhlenberg County Kentucky and from there I moved to Missouri near the place where I now reside.

IV. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. – I was a volunteer –

V. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer – I knew a great many of the officers but can now only recollect General Marion & Morgan, Colonel Penticost & Captain Martin & Blackman. Do not recollect any Continental or Militia regiments, the general circumstances of my service are as follows – I volunteered under Colonel Penticost about the first of March 1780, marched to Guilford Court House, arrived there a very short time before the battle – was wounded in the battle – after this my Company and one other were detailed to assist Marion and keeping down the Tories. We marched down the Pedee to the Cape Fear River and up the Cape Fear River to Fayetteville – where we remained 2 or 3 months when we were ordered to disband and return to our homes, during which time I was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

VI. Did you ever receive a Commission, and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer – I never received any Commission –

VII. 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 of the Revolution.

Answer. Louis V. Bogy, Conrad C. Zeighter, Herman N. Long, David Carson, C. R. Peck, James Lindsay, C. M. Service, Peter Ake and many others

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

S/ John Hall, X his mark

[Andrew Peace, a clergyman, and William F Mitchell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 17: in a filing dated December 5, 1860 filed in Iron County Missouri, the veteran gave his age is 101 years; he states that he served as a Captain in the revolutionary war 80 days; he describes the wounds he sustained at the battle of Guilford Court House as follows: "first by being cut on the head with a sword and 2nd by a ball penetrating the left arm during the time of said battle;" he says that a short time after the battle of Guilford he received a letter from General Morgan telling him that his services would no longer be required in that the war was about to terminate.]

[fn p. 23: Certificate dated March 1, 1860 from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a John Hall from Edenton district North Carolina for services during the revolution. The Comptroller notes that Perquimans County formed a part of Edenton District at that time.]