Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Hall S13302

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]
State of Kentucky }
Lincoln County Sct }

On this 24th Day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Lincoln County Court now sitting, the same being a court of record established by the Constitution & Laws of the state of Kentucky, Joseph Hall a resident of the said County of Lincoln & state of Kentucky aged sixty eight 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 7th of June 1832

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the Virginia Militia, under the following named officers & served as herein stated

He states that in the month of May 1781 he entered the service as a Draft in the County of Lincoln & District of Kentucky, (Then an Integral part of the state of Virginia) under Col Benjamin Logan. John Logan was the acting Capt. though he was called Lieutenant Colonel and they were ordered to march to Harrodsburg in the same county Twenty one miles Distant from Logans Fort in Lincoln County [1 mi W of present Stanford], for the purpose of moving the powder Magazine from Harrodsburg from Logans Fort, which had lately been brought to that place from the State of Virginia. Harrodsburg being at that time menaced by the Indians, who were at war with the United States & not being considered tenable against a strong force. That they marched back from Harrodsburg to Logans Fort, and he continued to act as a guard over said publick Magazine untill the month of October 1781, he thinks the latter part of the month when he was verbally discharged by Benjamin Logan who was the Col & commander of the fort, that he served six months, and only marched from Logans fort to Harrodsburg & back again & performed his Duty as a guard in and about the Fort.

That in the first part of the month of March 1782 he volunteered under the command of Capt John Snoddy Benjamin Logan was the Colonel. he does not recollect the major, if there were any – And that he acted as an Indian spy on the Southern frontiers of the then District of Kentucky, on the waters of the Cumberland River & on the waters of Kentucky River & on the waters of Dix River, & on the waters of Rockcastle River. that they proceeded on his spying expeditions from English fort [Charles English's Station on Dix River SE of Crab Orchard] in the District of Kentucky which was the Station of Capt Snoddys Company, that he acted as a spy for six months. that he was verbally discharged in the month of September or October he does not recollect which by Capt John Snoddy his Capt that he was in no battle and there were no continental or regular regiments where he spied He states that Capt John Snoddy was an officer in the service of the State of Virginia

That in the month of October 1782 he again entered the service as a Draft in Capt John Woods Company of Virginia Militia and marched to the Cumberland Mountain to guard the Emigrants to the Western Country through what was then called the Wilderness, as the roads were constantly beset by the Indians, and the Emigrants murdered on every opportunity, which was a part of their Militia Duty. that served a period of one month and was discharged by Captain John Woods verbally

That in the spring of 1783 the Indians made an invasion of the District of Kentucky in an hostile manner and encamped upon the head waters of Sandy River. that he volunteered under Captain William Whitley to expel them. Col Benjamin Logan was his Col. John Logan was Lieutenant Col. & Col Isaack Shelby [sic: Isaac Shelby] was on the expedition. they marched against the Indians but before they reached their camping ground they suddenly decamped and abandoned the country. he served a Tour of one month and was a mounted volunteer & furnished his own provisions, and was verbally discharged by

Capt Whitley in Lincoln County District of Kentucky he does not recollect the month —

He states that he was born in Rockbridge County State of Virginia in 1764. that his father had a record of the ages of his family set Down in his Westminster Confession of faith, which has been lost so that he does not know what has become of it

That he removed to the state of Kentucky in 1780 then being in his 17th year and settled in Lincoln County where he has resided ever since & where he was living when called into service. that there were no regular officers in country nor any regular or continental regiments

That he never received any written discharges

That he is known in his present neighbourhood to George Noaks [pension application R7679], Benjamin Briggs [S30889] & James P Barnett [S12963], who can testify as to his character for veracity & by whom he can prove the greater part of his services. He states that he has no Documentary evidence of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & states that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the Day & year aforesaid [signed] Jos. Hall