Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Hall W21258 Hannah Hall NC SC Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 1 Sep 2014.

The State of South Carolina

Pickens District

Personally appeared in open court Jesse Hall now a resident of the state and District aforesaid and being duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. The Deponent lived in Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States – he has no record of his age but recollects that he had but a short time been of age (twenty one years) when he enlisted under one Lieutenant George Dougherty in the North Carolina Line for two years and a half. That he was marched to Wilmington and was put in Captain John Baptist Ash's [sic: John Baptiste Ashe's] Company and after being stationed there for some time was marched to the high hills on Santee in South Carolina and joined to Colonel Arch'd. Lightle's [sic: Archibald Lytle's] Regiment. He continued in this service most generally under the command of Gen'l. [Benjamin] Lincoln until the Fall of Charleston [12 May 1780] when he was taken a prisoner and turned out on parole [promise not to take up arms again until exchanged] having about served his time out and returned to Wilks.

He found as soon as he went home that he could not stay there with any peace [see endnote] and returned to South Carolina joined Capt Sam. Taylors [Samuel Taylor's] Company in which he remained for some time. was subsequently transferred to a company commanded by Captain [Alexander] Brevard with whom he served by Enlistment twelve months being with him in the battle of Eutaw [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] and was frequently attached to the forces commanded by Col. [William] Washington, Col. [Henry] Lee and General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] of the Regular army. This Deponent gave his discharge many years ago to a Mr. Felix Walker an old friend and acquaintance who promised to do something for him but who has long since died and he knows not what has become of it. He has no documentary proof of his services and knows no one alive by whom he can prove his services.

He relinquishes hereby every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to in Open Court & subscribed this 2d day of October 1832

Jesse hisXmark Hall

South Carolina } Before me the subscribing Justice Personally came Jesse Hall and after being Pickens District } duly qualified according to Law maketh the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 and to answer some objectionable parts of his claim to which this is attached as a voucher. That he was born in Virginia, Pitsylvania District [sic: Pittsylvania County] 1755 that he has no record of his age. That the Rev'd. Jacob Lewis, David Sloan, Col. Robert Anderson & Col. John C. Kilpatrick can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution that he entered the Service of the United States in the year 1776 some time before the declaration of

that he entered the Service of the United States in the year 1776 some time before the declaration of Independance but can not recollect the precise length of time but thinks it was about two months. that he served under Capt. John Baptist Ash and Lieut. Daugherty two years and six months, that he was in the Battle of Brier Creek [GA, 3 Mar 1779] Battle of Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] Eutaw, Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and Seige of 96. that he served under Capt Taylor he thinks at least six months but cannot from oald age and length of time past say with precision. That he served under Capt. Brevard twelve months making in all four years Service all of which Service was by Elistment in the Regular Army that he was regularly discharged by Col. Archibald Lightle a few miles from Ashly Ferry [on Ashley River] in South Carolina shortly seige of Little York [Yorktown, ended 19 Oct 1781] that he was some time out of the service after his first Enlistment under Daugherty was out

but can not recollect how long.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of Aprile 1833 Jesse hisXmark Hall

State of North Carolina/ Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jesse Hall a private in [blank] company, of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1779 for 9 months, and deserted the [blank] of Sept'r. 1779. That he enlisted as a Corporal in Capt. Brevards Company of the 10th Reg't. in 1781 for 12 months and left the service the 9th of May 1782.

Given under my hand this 4th day of June 1833./ W. Hill

State of South Carolina }
District of Pickens } SS.

On this fourth day of February 1845. personally appeared before William D. Steele Judge of the Court of Ordinary, Mrs. Hannah Hall a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged as she believes from the best information she can get, about eighty years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th. 1838. entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": That she is the widow of Jesse Hall who was a private in the War of the Revolution, and whom she thinks entered the service on New River in North Carolina, and enlisted for two and a half years as a regular Soldier, she thinks, rendezvoused at Wilmington, was at the Battles of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Eutaw Springs, and Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. was taken prisoner in Charleston and was there sick, thinks he served some of the time under Captain Devond – enlisted under Sergeant Doherty. and was under Col. Washington as a Trooper six months - but her memory is too bad to attempt to ennumerate his services as she has often heard him relate them; but her husband the said Jesse Hall was a Pensioner, by the act of Congress of 1832, and by reference to the proof which he made, more can be seen of his services than she can possibly tell.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jesse Hall by a Squire whose name she cannot now recollect; they then lived in Rutherford County N.C. on Pacolet River, her husband & her father lived on Broad River; she thinks the marriage took place about the year 1786 or 1787 in the summer time; her son Zachariah Hall, who is the oldest child, is she thinks about 57 or 58 years of age, and he was born she thinks about a year after marriage.

that her husband the aforesaid Jesse Hall died in April 1833, but she cannot now recollect the day of the month.

that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. at the time above stated. her maiden name was Hannah Kelly.

Hannah herXmark Hall

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, WILLIAM HILL, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Jesse Hall a Corp'l. in Capt. Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the [blank] day of [blank] 1781, for the term of twelve months and left service 9th May 1782.

Given under my hand this 15th day of April 1846 W. Hill Secretary of State

NOTES:

The probable reason Hall found no peace after returning to Wilkes County NC was that Tories were very active in that region.

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 16 Aug 1785 by Jesse Hall and Thomas Hall for the marriage of Jesse Hall to Hannah Kelly.

On 16 Feb 1845 Patrick Kelly stated that he was the brother of Hannah Hall, and that she was about eight or ten years older. He also stated that 58 years previously "his Father (John Kelly) moved out with his family, and the said Jesse Hall with his wife, (sister of this deponent, & now widow of Jesse Hall), came with them, and have lived in this [Pickens] District ever since."

On 5 April 1845 Hannah Hall amended her declaration to say that she believed Jesse Hall "held some office in the time of his service in the Revolutionary War, which she thinks was Corporal, at any rate she thinks it was not as high as a Commissioned Officer." On 29 May 1855 she made an application for bounty land that was witnessed by Thomas J. Hall.