

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

[Pension application of Daniel Hall W21267 Susanna fn59 SC
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The petition of Mrs. Susanna Hall widow of Daniel Hall late of the City of Charleston South Carolina and a Soldier in the War of the Revolution – Taken for the purpose of procuring the benefit of the act of Congress extending the provisions of the act of the 7th of June 1832 to the widows of the officers and soldiers of the Revolution.

Your petitioner respectfully represents that she was born on John's Island in the month of October 1758. That she is now in the 79th year of her age. In the year 1778 your petitioner was married in the City of Charleston to Daniel Hall Esquire she being then in the 16th year of her age. Your petitioner's husband was a private Soldier in the Volunteer Company which was then raised in this City known as the Blues. The Company was commanded by Captain George A. Hall brother to your petitioner's husband. The first service rendered by your petitioner's husband was at the siege of Savannah. The company of Captain Hall remained at that place but a short time, and returned to assist in the defense of Charleston. On the memorable occasion when the British took possession of Charleston Captain Hall and his Company were surrendered prisoners of war – annual petitioner's husband with the balance of the Company remained so for twelve months and a day. From the peculiar situation of your petitioner at that time the British officers permitted her husband to return to the city and remained with his family. But in a short time he was compelled to leave home. He then joined the Army under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and continued to serve in all the military operations before and near Charleston up to the final evacuation of the place in 1782.

In conclusion your petitioner respectfully request that the benefit of the late act of Congress may be extended to her relief, first because her husband did serve more than two years as a soldier in the War of the Revolution – secondly That she was married to her late husband who died in the year 1811 in the year 1776 – and has continued a widow up to the present time – all of which is sufficiently proved by the accompanying testimony of old and respectable inhabitants of this City then and now residing at this place.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day May 1837.

S/ Susanna Hall, L. S.

Susanna Hall

(L.S.)

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State of South Carolina Charleston District

Personally appeared before me Rob Elfe one of the Quorum for the district and State aforesaid, Mrs. Susannah Hall, and made oath that she is the widow of Daniel Hall deceased, that she was born on the 10th of October 1758. That her maiden name was Susanna Matthews. That she was married to the said Daniel Hall on the 23rd day of February A.D. 1775. That her husband the said Daniel Hall was a Whig at the time of his intermarriage with her, and performed duty in the City of Charleston at that time. And in the year 1778 in the early part of that year the said Daniel Hall joined a company of Infantry called "the True Blues," and performed duty by keeping guard in the City of Charleston, "the True Blues," was commanded by George Abbott Hall the elder brother of the said Daniel Hall – Daniel Hall continued a member of the "True Blues" when said company marched from Charleston to Savannah and was with the company in the action before the lines of Savannah; after which the company returned to Charleston, and continued in service up to the time when Charleston fell. Daniel Hall being all the time a member of the company, and performed duty on the lines during the whole siege of Charleston. After the fall of Charleston Daniel Hall remained a prisoner and was among the number to be sent to Saint Augustine; but through the interference of one Colonel Powell, a British officer, who interceded with the commander in chief, he was allowed to remain in Charleston, on account of the delicate situation and feeble health of Mrs. Hall, this deponent) Daniel Hall remained in Charleston after this, until he had an opportunity of going to John's Island in the year 1781 for the purpose of joining Captain Wilmot's Company. In endeavoring to effect this object in very hot weather he received a stroke of the sun which disabled him from further service during the war.

S/ Susanna Hall

Sworn to before me 20 of September 1837

S/ Rob Elfe, QU

The affidavit of Joseph Righton¹ taken to prove more fully the Revolutionary Services of Mister Daniel Hall who was a private in the company called "the True Blues" commanded by his brother during the Revolution.

This affiant being duly sworn testifies and says, That in his former Affidavit given for the purpose of establishing the right of Mrs. Susanna Hall as the widow of Daniel Hall to the benefit of the Act of Congress of July 4 1836, he understands that the period and the length of the service rendered by Mr. Hall are not distinctly stated in the affidavit given by him and now on file in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions. And he now makes this statement that justice may be done to Mrs. Hall. The first service rendered by the said Daniel Hall was in the company commanded by his brother, he marched from Charleston to Savannah, and in that expedition served not less than a month and a half. When Provost [sic, Augustine Prevost] besieged Charleston, Mr. Daniel Hall was still a member of the Company of his brother, and was in service during the period that preparations were making for the defense of the City. He continued in said service not only while the siege lasted but for some time after. This affiant was engaged in the same service, and is convinced that Mr. Daniel Hall did serve for a period of not less than five months when Charleston was besieged by Sir Henry Clinton, Mr. Daniel Hall was again called into service which was in the fall of the year 1779, in the latter part of November, he continued from that time through the siege and to the surrender of Charleston in May 1780, when

¹ [Joseph Righton W22074](#)

he became Prisoner of War and continued as such for 13 months. This affiant is fully persuaded that Mr. Daniel Hall did perform the services herein detailed and he is induced to make this Statement that Mrs. Hall may obtain the full benefit of the Pension law which he understands has been withheld from her.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of February A.D. 1838
S/ Rob Elfe

S/ Joseph Righton



[fn p. 41: testimony of Elihu Hall Bay, 84, a citizen of Charleston South Carolina that he became acquainted with the veteran and his wife in 1781 at which time they had several children; that he distinctly recalls having seen a Bible entry to the effect that the veteran was married on February 12, 1775, to Susanna Matthews; his testimony is dated May 11, 1837.]

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The affidavit of Lewis Roux² – a citizen of Charleston and a Prisoner of the Government of the United States – Taken to prove the Revolutionary services of Daniel Hall who was a Soldier of the Revolution – and the husband of Mrs. Susanna Hall now about to apply for the benefit of the late act of Congress.

This affiant being duly sworn testifies and says that his acquaintance with Mr. Daniel Hall commenced as early as 1775 at which time he was married to his wife the present Mrs. Susanna Hall now about to apply for a pension. The said Daniel Hall was a member of a company as a soldier under the command of his Brother Captain George Hall, and at the capitulation and surrender of Charleston Captain Hall and his company were surrendered prisoners of war. This affiant well recollects the fact and that the said Daniel Hall was a Prisoner for 12 months or more. This affiant is fully persuaded that the said Daniel Hall after returning to Charleston was employed in other duties connected with the Army then before the place under the command of General Greene. He is convinced from his own knowledge of Mrs. Daniel Hall (having resided in Charleston from 1772 to the present and embracing the whole of the Revolution) that Mr. Hall after his return from his captivity as a Prisoner served from 1780 until the final evacuation of General Leslie.

In conclusion this affiant says that he knows Mrs. Susanna Hall now applying for a pension is unquestionably the widow of Daniel Hall – and was married to him between the years 1775 and 1781.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11th day of May 1837.

S/ Lewis Roux



[fn p. 51: on October four, 1837 in Charleston South Carolina, Mary Matthews, 77, gave testimony that she is the sister of Mrs. Susanna Hall; that she was present at the wedding of her sister to Daniel Hall; that she was then 15 years of age; she offers testimony as to her recollection of the services of Daniel Hall during the revolution including his service under his brother George Abbott Hall; that following the fall of Charleston he was sent as a prisoner of war to

² [Lewis Roux S21952](#)

Saint Augustine along with his brother George Abbott Hall; that Daniel Hall was allowed to return to Charleston on account of the health of his wife upon some friendly intercession; that Daniel Hall got the opportunity of crossing from Charleston to John's island where he joined Captain Wilmot's company.

Mary Mathews

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's two years service as a private in the True Blues.]