

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hall S1823

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State of Tennessee Anderson County } Circuit Court at August Sessions 1832

On this 29th day of August 1832 at a Circuit Court held for the County and State aforesaid, being a Court of Record, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, by the Honorable Edward Scott one of the Judges of said Court, personally appeared in open Court David Hall a resident of said County aged 72 years who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832. That he was born in Henry County Virginia on the 25th of March 1760 as well as he is informed, where he continued to live until sometime about the commencement of the Revolutionary war, when he moved to Wilkes County North Carolina where he continued to reside during the whole of the Revolutionary war – that sometime in the spring of 1781 as he believes, he thinks it was about the time of the battle of Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781], he entered into service of the United States as a volunteer – that he enrolled himself into a company of light horse commanded by Captain Witherspoon [Thomas Witherspoon] he thinks Thomas – that he enrolled himself for an indefinite period of time but was to continue in service while ever it would be necessary to keep down the Tories – that his said company first rendezvoused at Wilkes Courthouse, and marched up the River about twenty miles above the Courthouse, and from thence, down the mountain into Burke County and through many of the Counties around, wherever it was understood there was a collection of Tories – he recollects once while marching near where the Counties of Wilkes and Burke join each other, his company had separated with the understanding that if one division should hear the other firing upon the Tories, that the other should immediately join them – that at the time spoken of the company had just separated, the division to which he did not belong fell in with a company of Tories dispersed them and killed one man – that upon hearing the firing the party to which applicant belonged, immediately rode to where the firing was heard, but before they reached there the Tories had fled and applicant recollects distinctly of seeing the man who had been killed, whom they left to be buried by the women while the company proceeded on after the Tories applicant states that he continued in this kind of campaign scouring the Country, sometimes under the command of the said Captain Witherspoon and sometimes under the command of John Cleveland and Absalom Cleveland, and sometimes under Captain Wilburn [Elias Winburn], for a period three months in which time applicant did not quit the service – at the expiration of three months applicant states that he stayed at his Father's house, in Wilkes County, about one week, when he again marched with his company under the same different

commanders, doing the same sort of service, in suppressing the Tories wherever they attempted to embody themselves – During this term applicant states that Colonel Benjamin Cleveland commanded his company on a tour up into the mountains in Wilkes County, where they came upon a parcel of Tories six of whom they took prisoners, and Colonel Cleveland ordered three of them to be well whipped, and released the whole of them – applicant thinks he was out in actual service during this campaign between three and four months – in all which time he was engaged in marching through the mountain counties of North Carolina to disperse the Tories and keep the disaffected in all – after this time the Tories becoming less troublesome applicant's company was disbanded and he returned home where he remained but a few weeks, until he came over the mountain to what is now Washington County, Tennessee, in the Greasy Cove on Chucky river [Nolichucky River] to a place where the whites were fortified at a place called Fort Sevier – where he volunteered as an Indian spy into a company commanded by Captain Edmund Sams [Edward Sams] who were stationed at said Fort as their head quarters, and a party of whom were sent each day about 25 or 30 miles to the lookout for Indians and then to return again to the Fort – if upon the return of any of the spies any traces of the Indians had been discovered, the whole company marched out in search of them. In guarding this Fort and the neighboring frontier applicant states that he continued to serve as a spy and a guard in said company for two years, when his whole company marched under the command of Colonel John Sevier into the Cherokee nation, and burned their towns, nine in number, took some prisoners and killed some of their men – in this expedition applicant states he was about four weeks gone when applicant returned to the said Fort where he remained three or four weeks, to be cured of the small pox, and then returned to his father's in Wilkes County North Carolina applicant states that he knows he was in the service against the Tories at least six months, and he thinks longer, as he has before stated, during which time his company was not attached to any Regiment, but was raised and kept up for the express purpose of keeping down, and destroying the Tories – that afterwards he was in the service two years as an Indian spy as above stated – applicant states that soon after the revolutionary war he married in Wilkes County North Carolina and moved to Greenville District South Carolina where he lived about ten or eleven years, when he moved to the same neighborhood in Anderson County Tennessee, where he has continued to live ever since – applicant states that he never received any discharge for his said services, that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his said service, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said 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 to and subscribed in open Court this 29th of August 1832

S/ A. Crozier, Clk

S/ David Hall, X his mark

By his deputy Jas. M. McCann

[John Chiles and John O'Neal gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years' service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]