

Pension Application for Benajah Hall

S.22814

Letter in folder dated May 15, 1940, written in response to an inquiry. Note: this seems to detail the soldier's services best.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Benajah Hall, who lived with his wife, Sarah, in Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York in 1819, died in that county and children whose names were Jesse, Asa, Isaac, Benajah, Phebe, Chloe, Nancy, and Sally.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 22814, based upon service of Benajah Hall in the Revolutionary War.

Benajah Hall resided in Dutchess County, New York, at the time he entered service in the Revolutionary War. The date and place of his birth were not given, nor the names of his parents and his age.

He enlisted and served more than two years as fifer in Colonel R. J. Meigs' regiment, during which he was stationed in New Jersey, at Peekskill and at West Point it is shown that a part of the time he served in Captain Pond's company in that regiment.

This soldier moved from Dutchess County, New York, to Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut, where he resided in the year 1781. Afterwards, he resided in Cayuga County, New York.

Benajah Hall died November 4, 1840, in Niles, Cayuga County, New York. He was not survived by a widow; the name of his wife was not given nor the date and place of their marriage.

September 23, 1846, the names of the only surviving children of Benajah Hall were given as follows: Isaac G. Hall of Crawford County, Pennsylvania; Phebe Gurnee of Wayne County, New York; Chloe Powers, aged fifty-two years of Spafford, Onondaga County, New York, and Nancy Williams of Cayuga County, New York.

Chloe Powers, the daughter listed above, applied September 23, 1846 for the pension which was due her father at the time of his death on account of his service in the Revolutionary War. She applied in behalf of herself and her brother and sisters listed above. Pension was allowed.

In November 1846, Hiram Powers, the son of said Chloe Powers, resided in Locke, New York.

In October 1846, one Hannah Brown, aged seventy-five years, stated before a Justice of the Peace in Oneida County, New York, that she was acquainted with the soldier, Benajah Hall, in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1781; she did not state any relationship to the soldier's family.