

Pension Application for Silas Hall

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At a Court of Common Pleas held at the village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York commencing on the first Tuesday in September 1832 the same being a Court of Record so declares by the Constitution and laws of the said State and having a Seal & Clerk. Present Hon. G. B. Baldwin First Judge, Hon. John R. Drake, Hon. Elijah Shoemaker, Hon. Darius Bentley, Hon. Joseph L. Darling, Esquires Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

Judges above named now sitting on the 5th day of September 1832 Silas Hall, a resident of the Town of Southport in the said County aged seventy five years and upwards, who 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 passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States at a place called Constitution near New Windsor in the County of Orange in the said State of New York in the winter of 1776, by enlistment for the term of one month in a company of Militia under command of Capt. Samuel Raymond, in which Vincent Helme was ensign in a Regiment commanded by Col. Isaac Nichols, and that the said term of one month was served at Fort constitution where he was discharged.

That about the first day of August 1777 he enlisted at Smith's Clove in the said County of Orange for the term of five months in a company of militia under command of Capt Thomas Moffatt in the same Regiment above mentioned, and was marched to Kingsbridge near New York; soon after their arrival at that place Capt. Moffat was appointed a major and the command of the company was assumed by Joshua Brown that the said Deponent continued in the said service at Kingsbridge, Morrisania, Brooklyn and other places until his term of five months expired when he received a written discharge signed by Col. Nicholas at Verplanks Point near Peekskill on the 1st day of January 1778, that while in the said five months service he was engaged in the Battle at Forts Montgomery & Clinton in Oct 1777 when those posts were captured by the British Troops.

That during the year 1778 he served for three months at West Point in weekly tours, employed in erecting fortifications and other services in a company of Orange County militia commanded by Capt. Francis Smith & Lieut John Johnson in Col. Marvins Regiment making in all his service nine months.

In answer to the interrogatories propounded by the War Department, not included in the foregoing statement he says that he was born at Oyster bay on Long Island December 4, 1756, that the record of his age is in a family bible now in Lee in the State of Massachusetts, that in this 13th year he removed to Goshen in the County of Orange where he continued to reside until the year 1822 when he removed to the town of South Lee Berkshire County Massachusetts where he remained until about two years since, he removed to South port in the said County where he has since remained.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services now in his possession having long since lost the discharge above referred to.

That the only person whom he knows to be living & who can testify to his services is James Seely who served with him in the five months service & whose testimony he expects to procure.

That the Continental or other officers whom he knew in the Revolutionary war were Gen'l James & Geo Clinton in the State of New York that he would refer to Col. Solomon L. Smith John Smith, Samuel Tuthice & the Rev'd Simeon R. Jones all of Southport aforesaid, in reference to the neighborhood belief of his revolutionary Services.

That he hereby relinquishes 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. (Signed) Silas Hall

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Green M. Tuthill, Clk