

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Frederick Hall: R7569

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On this 24th day of September [1833] personally appeared in open Court before the Hon'l. The Circuit Court for the District of Columbia-

Frederick Hall, a resident of Washington City in the County of Washington and District of Columbia aged ninety seven years, who being first 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: that he enlisted on the eighth day of May in the year 1777 in the 3^d Regiment of the Maryland line commanded by Colonel Ramsay and in the Company of Capt. Marbury on the Continental establishment for three years, that after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] while on a scouting party near the Rising Sun within a mile of the Philadelphia market he was taken prisoner by a reconnoitering party of British Soldiers, when he was sent to Philadelphia, from thence he was sent to New York, and placed on board the prison ship Jersey, & from thence he was sent to London (first to Newcastle & then to London where he thinks he remained near a twelve month awaiting an exchange of prisoners, but where he with a number of men as follows all prisoners with him - Henry Meed, Richard Coons, Robert Hackenson, John Hope, Samuel Henson, Henry Hines, and John Adams - he undermined his way out of prison, and went to Holland from whence he came to Philadelphia and re-joined his Regiment in which he continued to serve until the summer of 1783 at which time he was (conditionally) discharged from service at Charleston, South Carolina. - That, including the time he was a prisoner of war he served from the 8th May 1777 until the summer 1783 - a period of six years that he was born in Charles County near Port Tobacco on the 6th March 1736. that he had a record of his Age taken from the books of the Episcopalian Church in Port Tobacco but has lost it. That he was engaged in the battles of Germantown, Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Whiteplain [sic: White Plains, 28 Oct 1776] was never wounded. That he marched from Port Tobacco to Annapolis and from thence to Baltimore where he with a number of others were inoculated by Dr. Lavington & from thence to Philadelphia. - That he has the affidavit of Adam Adams (herewith) regularly sworn & subscribed to testifying to his services, and that he knows of no other person, living, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. - That he was living in Borge's hole in Virginia when he enlisted - he has lived principally in Fairfax County, Virginia, since the Revolutionary war and that he now lives in Washington City, in the District of Columbia. That he does not remember of any of the regular officers excepting Col. Forest, Col. Ramsay & Capt. Marbury. That he received a written discharge, purporting that should peace not be ratified, he was still to consider himself in service, but that he has since lost it
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.

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NOTE: Frederick Hall is listed in the 1820 federal census for Fairfax County VA as a "Free Colored Person" 45 or over, with a female slave 45 or over, and three female "free colored persons" aged 14-26, 26-45, and 45 or over.