

Pension Application for John Hall

S.13334

State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas—now sitting John Hall a resident of Warwick Orange County in said state aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

Deponent saith that he was born at Peekskill in said State of New York on the 9th day of May 1758 as he believes and as appears by his family's record now in his possession.

That he was living when first called into said service in the said town of Warwick. That he volunteered as a fifer under Captain John Wisner for the term of four months, in the month of October 1775 and in the following first day of March (1776) was marched with his company to Fort Constitution on the East side [of] the Hudson river and above West Point at which place Wisner's Company was attached to Colonel Newkirk's regiment of Militia. At this place deponent remained up to the end of his four months, where the troops were mostly employed in erecting said Fort which deponent saith was but a Battery at the time of their arrival there. Deponent saith that the corps to which he belonged was call'd minute man; that his first and second lieutenants were Nathaniel Ketchum and Nathan Sears. His Ensign Asa Wisner. That he nor any one of his corps received any written discharge.

Deponent further saith that in July of the same year (1776) he volunteered, in said town of Warwick, as fife major, under said Captain John Wisner, Abram Dolsen & Asa Gore being lieutenants and, Asa Wisner, Ensign for the term of five months that his company, shortly after mustered, and marched to Kings Bridge fifteen miles above New York, where they joined Colonel Isaac Nicoll's Regiment and General George Clinton's Brigade—

This Colonel Nicoll's Regiment was principally employed, as Deponent saith in Building Fort Independence until about first of October following when his Regiment were marched to White Plains and when he, deponent, and his regiment engaged in deadly combat with the British on the 28th of that month. After the battle at this place deponent's Regiment were ordered to Peekskill where they remained up to the end of said five months, or, as deponent believes the 23d day of December deponent received no written discharge from this term of service.

Deponent further saith that in the winter of 1777, on a requisition of Militia of one month men from the Colonel John Hathorn's Regiment, he was ordered to Chloster near the North River in the State of New Jersey—to prevent the expected landing of the British in that neighborhood. That deponent served out his term and returned home. That his captain in this month's service was peter Bartholf of

Warwick aforesaid. Deponent further saith that his next service occurred the following summer (in the year 1777) on a general alarm, when the militia enmass were ordered to New Windsor to prevent the landing at that place of the British Troops.

The same reason deponent was ordered and went with his Regiment to Fort Montgomery on occasion of a general alarm, saith that he was out on this tour about a week. Col. John Hathorn being in command of the Regiment. Deponent further said that, in this same year he served in the United States service under Captain John Minthorn and Captain Peter Berthoff on several requisitions in addition to the aforesaid service, more than one month, and at said Fort Montgomery.

Deponent also saith that he served as fife Major in said service during the last mention year half a month at Fort Clinton. In the following year viz 1778 deponent saith that he resided in Minisink in said County of Orange, that he then volunteered and served nine months in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tustin was most of this time commanded by Captain John Vantyle, the residue of the term commanded by Captain John Little, saith that he and his fellow soldiers were employed in repelling the tories and Indians who congregated in great numbers on that frontier and greatly annoyed the White settlements.

Deponent further saith that on the twenty eights of May in the year 1779 he, deponent being near the British lines in New Jersey was made a prisoner by a party of Refugees was taken before the British commander, then in New York, examined and by him imprisoned in the Sugar House. Deponent saith that he remained in this situation, closely confined and very ill treated for the periods of nearly seven months when he, deponent was exchanged through the agency on order of Commissary Skinner, of the Continental Line. Deponent saith that during all the above described services, excepting the first mentioned, of four months he served in the capacity of Fife Major.

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. (Signed) John Hall

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asa Dunning, Clerk

Letter in folder dated March 1, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Hall born in Peekskill, New York, and later lived in Warwick, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.13334, based upon the military service of John Hall in the War of the Revolution.

John Hall was born May 9, 1758 in Peekskill, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While residing in Warwick, orange County, New York, John Hall volunteered in the month of October, 1775, served four months as fifer in Captain John Wisner's company, Colonel Newkirk's New York regiment, and assisted in erecting Fort Constitution on the east side of the Hudson River, above West Point. He enlisted sometime in July, 1776, served five months as fife major in Captain John Wisner's

company, Colonel Isaac Nicoll's New York regiment, and was in the battle of White Plains. He served in 1777, about three months under Captains Peter Bartholf, John Minthorn, and Colonel Hathorn, and went on the alarm to New Windsor.

John Hall moved to Minisink, Orange County, New York, and enlisted in 1778, served under Captains John Van[blot] and John Little in Colonel Tusten's New York regiment, in pursuit of Indians and Tories; eh was taken prisoner May 22, 1779, and carried to New York City, and held in the Sugar House, seven months, when exchanged.

The soldier, John Hall, was allowed pension on his application executed September 3, 1832, then a resident of Warwick, New York.

It was not stated whether the soldier was ever married.

Stephen Hall, a resident of Warwick, New York in 1832, stated that he was well acquainted with John Hall, and was a "fellow" prisoner" with him in 1779.