

### **Pension Application for Stephen Hall**

W.19678 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married August 1785 by the Rev. James Benedict a minister of the gospel of said county. Before marriage Elizabeth's last name was Benjamin. Stephen died April 1833.

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 Stephen Hall, a resident of Warwick in Orange County in said State aged seventy two 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 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 22d day of June 1760.—has his father's family record of his age in his possession.

That he was living in said town of Warwick when he was first called into service of the United States—

That in the winter of 1777 on a requisition of troops from the Regiment of Colonel John Hathorn deponent was ordered and went under Captain Peter Bertholf to Cholooster near the North River in the State of New Jersey and that he served as a private soldier one month and was dismissed with the whole of his corps but that he received no written discharge from his officers.

Deponent further saith that he volunteered and served one month in the spring of the same year and under Captain John Minthorn and was marched to and remained during that term at Ramapo and immediately entered the same service under the same Captain and Nathaniel Ketchum Lieutenant for the term of two months, which time deponent saith he duly performed.

Deponent further saith that during the same summer and autumn he served under the said captain Minthorn one and a half months at Forts Montgomery and Clinton. In the autumn of same year (1777) deponent was ordered and marched under Captain William Blain to Ramapo where he remained for one month—at this time deponent recollects seeing General Wayne and his army encamp near this deponent's Battalion. At this station deponent was acquainted with Colonel Malcomb, Adjutant Peter Talman, Captains Black and Sanford, who belonged to the Continental Line.

Deponent further saith that he resided in the winter of 1778 in Minisink in said County of Orange.—That he volunteered there for nine months, during which time served under Captain's Little, Vantyk and Jones, in Colonel Tursten's Regiment of Militia. That deponent's company was engaged in defending that frontier, by driving back the hostile Indians and checking the aggressions of the refugees, by whom that vicinity was much annoyed—saith that he was in the Fort under Capt. Little at the time the Indians and tories massacred the people and destroyed the settlement at Peenpack, Captain Little's force consisting, at that time of only fourteen men.

Deponent further saith that in addition to the aforementioned services he was often in the service of the United States with his companions in arms—recollects being one month at Stoney Point when Colonel Odell commanded. That deponent was at Stoney Point when General Wayne arrived there with his Troops—

Saith that he was ordered and marched into New Jersey as a guard to the prisoner captured by General Wayne—beside other frequent calls by his officers on occasion of alarms.

Deponent further saith that on the twenty eight day of May in the year 779, the deponent being near the British lines in the State of New Jersey and under the command of Captain Stephen Flemmon, he was made prisoner by a party of Refugees, and taken before the British commander in New York and after being by him examined, was confined in the Sugar House. Saith that he remained there a prisoner and on short Allamanna more than seven months and that in the month of January following was exchanged by order of commissary skinner belonging to the regular army.

Deponent declares that the various services which he faithfully rendered his country in the Revolutionary War, including his captivity by the British, amounts to more than two years.

He, deponent saith that he has no recollection of seeing a written discharge for any soldier during his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Stephen Hall

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

Letter in folder dated November 24, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W. 19678, based upon the service of Stephen Hall in the War of the Revolution.

Stephen Hall was born June 22, 1780 in Peekskill, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While residing in Warwick, Orange County, New York, Stephen Hall served in 1777, six and one half months as a private under Captains Peter Bertholf, John Menthorn, and William Blain, a part of the time in Colonel Isaac Nichols' New York Regiment. While residing in Minisink, New York, he enlisted in the winter of 1777, served nine months under Captains Little, Jones, and VanTuyl, in Colonels William Allison's and Tuston's New York regiment. While serving in Captain Stephen Flemmon's company, he was take prisoner on May 28, 1779, by a band of Tories, and held in the Sugar House until exchanged in the month of January following, date of enlistment not given. He served one month at Stony Point, under Colonel Odell, and was there when General Wayne arrived "with his troops", and marched into New Jersey as a guard to the prisoners captured by General Wayne. He was, also, out on frequent alarms.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 3, 1832, at which time he was living in Warwick, New York.

Stephen Hall married sometimes in August, 1785, Elizabeth Benjamin. He died April 5, 1833.

The widow, Elizabeth Hall, was allowed pension on her application executed September 5, 1838, at which time she was a resident of Warwick, New York, aged seventy-two years. The date and place of her birth were not shown, nor were the names of her parents given. The widow was still living in Warwick in 1848.

The papers on file in this claim contain no reference to children of Stephen Hall and wife, Elizabeth. His brother, John Hall, was living in Warwick, New York in 1838; he was, also, a soldier in the war of the Revolution.