

Pension Application for Justus Hall or Hull

W.7642 (Widow: Susan) Married March 27, 1824, he died May 29, 1833.

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State of New York

County of Rensselaer, City of Troy SS.

On this ninth day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy, now sitting, Justus Hull, a clergyman a resident of the town of Nassau in the County & State aforesaid aged 77 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 & served as herein stated.

That he was born the 26th of July 1755, at the town of Reding, in Fairfield County (Connecticut) & has no record of his age.

When he first entered the service, he resided at Little Hoosic (now Berlin) in the County of Rensselaer. In June or July 1776 he volunteered for 5 months, under Captain Caleb Bentley, in a company of which the 1st Lieutenants was VanVrank and the 2d Peter McGee; commanded by Major Henry K. VanRensselaer; he went to Albany & then to the Highlands on the Hudson river to Fort Constitution & was there in garrison for 5 months; part if not all of the time, the fort was under the command of General James Clinton. He served out his term and was then discharged; but received no written discharge. In this service he was a sergeant and in all his subsequent services, also he was sergeant; but has lost his warrant, or warrants as such.

He then returned to Berlin. In April or May 1777, volunteered under Captain Caleb Bently & was out dispersing Tories for 2 weeks. The same year in the first part of June volunteered under the same Captain Bently to go to Schoharie; marched to Schoharie, to the Upper Fort of which Captain Bently had the command given him. He remained then, in garrison 2 months & was then discharged; no written discharge given him.

In the same year & soon after his return to Berlin, he again volunteered under the same Captain Bently the Regiment was commanded by Lt. Colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer; he marched to Fort Edward; & from there to Fort Ann, near which he was acting as sergeant in a skirmish with General Burgoyne's advanced guard; in which skirmish Lt. Colonel H.K. VanRensselaer was wounded in the thigh; after this skirmish the troops evacuated, & burnt, Fort Ann & came back to Fort Edward; he was out in this service more than 2 weeks & was dismissed on account of his sickness, & returned home; recovered soon & was a volunteer in the same company, in a part of it which did duty in what is, now the County of Rensselaer, as scouting partizans and frontier guards; in which service he was in actual duty fully 3 weeks, at about which time Burgoyne surrendered, & this branch of duty called.

He has no documentary evidence to produce. He knows of no living witness by which he can prove his service, except those swearing to the annexed affidavits. He

continued to reside at Berlin till 1828; & then resided at Lebanon one year; & has now resided in Nassau three years.

He is well known to Peter Brown & Abijah Bush of said Nassau & to Joshua Randall of Petersburg in the said County of Rensselaer, each & all of whom, can testify to his character for veracity & to their belief of his services as a revolutionary soldier.

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) Justus Hull

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid Archibald Bull, clerk.