

Pension Application for Calvin Hall

W.19712 (Mercy) Calvin died November 17, 1833.

State of New York

Oneida County SS

On this seventh day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before Nathan Williams Esquire, Vice Chancellor of the State of New York for the fifth Circuit at a Court of Chancery now sitting Calvin Hall of the Town of Deerfield County of Oneida and State of New York now residing there 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 7th 1832—That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

That in the year 1777 he enlisted as a volunteer in the service of the Militia of the State of Massachusetts under Captain Wheeler of Lanesboro in said State and served the full period of three months—this service was principally performed at Fort Ann and Fort Edward.

That in the years 1778 or 1779 in the summer of one of those years he enlisted as a volunteer in the service of the Militia of the State of Massachusetts under Captain Clark of Williamstown, Lieutenant Col Miles Powell of Lanesboro and served the full period of three months—this service was performed at New Haven—That in the summer of 1780 or 1781 he again enlisted as a volunteer in the Militia of the State of Massachusetts under Captain White and served the full period or term of three months—this service was performed at Fort Plain—Stony Arabia and Fort Stanwix in the State of New York.

That in the year 1779 or 1780 he entered as a volunteer in the service of the Militia of the State of Massachusetts under Captain Asa Barnes of Lanesboro and served the full period of nine months. This service was performed at Kinderhook & Albany in the State of New York.

That in the year [177? He enlisted as a volunteer in the service of the State of Massachusetts under Captain Peter Porter and served the full period of six months—this service was performed at Albany the company was then called Gen Starks Life Guard.

That his applicant stood as a minute man during the principal part of the Revolutionary War in which he was not engaged in actual service and as such minute man was frequently and sometimes 2 or 3 times a week was called out for exercise—and for short periods on Alarms which altogether employed more than a year of his time.

That he was born at Fairfield in the State of Connecticut where he resided until he was about fourteen years of age & from there he removed with his father's family o Lanesboro in the State of Massachusetts—that he lived at Lanesboro during the whole of the revolutionary war and continued to serve there or at Cheshire and adjoining town until about the year 1817 thence he removed to Deerfield in the County of Oneida where he now resides and has resided ever since—he has no record of his age.

Served at Lanesboro when called into service—never received any written discharge and never held a commission h has no documentary evidence of his services.

Knows of no persons except Esbon Gregory of Chautauqua County & State of New York and Lyman Hall of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts who are particularly acquainted with; his service and whose affidavits are annexed is acquainted with Abraham Williams a clergyman of Utica and David Babcock of Lewisfield who can testify to his character & reputation.

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 or agency of any state or territory whatever. (Signed) Calvin Hall

Sworn & [relinreled?] this 7th December 1872 [probably means 1832] before me. N. Williams, Vice Chancellor

Letter in folder dated April 30, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

The data given herein were found in pension claim, W.19712, based upon service of Calvin Hal in the Revolutionary War.

Calvin Hall was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, the date not given, and ;moved when about fourteen years of age with his father's family to Lanesboro County, Massachusetts; the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Lanesboro, Massachusetts, he enlisted in the year 1777, served at different times in each succeeding year as late as 1781, amounting in all to almost two years, as private in Captains David Wheeler's, Samuel Clark's, William White's, Peter Porter's, Asa Barnes' and John Spurr's companies in Lieutenant Colonel Miles Powell's and Colonel John Brown's Massachusetts regiments; during the period of his service, he was at Fort Ann, Fort Edward and Stillwater, served in the vicinity of Albany and West Point, was at New London, Connecticut, and at Fort Plain and Stone Arabia in the campaign against the Indians, and on short alarms.

He moved about the year 1817 from Lanesboro, Massachusetts, to Deerfield, Oneida County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 7, 1832, at which time he was aged seventy-two years. He resided then in Deerfield, New York.

Calvin Hall died November 17, 1833 in Deerfield, New York.

The soldier married in Lanesboro, Massachusetts, Mercy, the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Barns of Lanesboro; they were married the latter part of August 1782 at her father's home by the Presbyterian Minister. Mercy was born July 27, 1783, given also as August 27, 1763.

Mercy Hall, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed January 28, 1839, at which time she resided in Deerfield, New York.

Calvin Hall and his wife, Mercy, had four children, shown in 1839 as follow: Luther, born in the fall of 1783; Jemima, born June 16, 1784, deceased; Jemima, born June 29, 1786, living; and Lawry, born about May 29, 1788. Luther was deceased also in 1839, Lawry was living.

In 132, Lyman Hal of Lanesboro, Massachusetts, stated that he was acquainted with Calvin Hall when he served in the Revolutionary War; in 1843, William Hall, Jr., was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lanesboro. No relationship to the family was stated.

In 1843, Comfort Barnes, Mercy Hall's brother, was a resident of China, Wyoming County, New York. One Aaron Barnes resided in Deerfield, New York, in 1839; no relationship to the family stated.

The following is recorded as the names and births of the sisters and brother of Mercy (Barnes) Hall:

Hannah Barnes born July 10, 1749.

Joseph Barnes born May 2, 1751.

William Barnes born February 19, 1754.

Mary Barnes born March 7, 1756.

Lucy Barnes born November 5, 1758.

Moses and Aaron Barnes born November 15, 1760.

Mercy Barnes born July 27, 1763.

Jemima Barnes born June 17, 1760(torn)

Comfort Barnes born October 18, 1767.

DEATHS

Aaron Barnes was killed by the Indians at Stone Robie, Oct 19, 1780.

Jemima Barnes, died March 1785.

Hannah Barnes, wife of Capt Joseph Barnes, died October 5, 1812, aged 86 years.

Captain Joseph Barnes died Feb. 13, 1813, aged 87 years.

Joseph Barnes, Junr., died March 24, 1819, aged 67 years.

Lucy Barnes died October 22, 1833.