

## Pension Application for John Hall

B.L.Wt.1492-100  
State of New York  
County of Greene SS.

I Samuel Hall son and heir of John Hall deceased do upon oath declare, that from the testimony of many who were fellow soldiers with my father in the Army of the Revolution (but who are now dead) and from many other circumstances, I do truly believe that my father John Hall aforesaid enlisted or entered the service of the United States at or about the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy [blank] for the term of "during the war" and that he served in Colonel VanCourtland's Second Regiment (1) of the New York Line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war when he was regularly discharged from the same second Regiment of the New York Line commanded by Colonel VanCourtland; and where he was a private. I further declare that it is my belief that the discharge of the said John Hall was destroyed at the time of his death, as the said discharge can now no where be found; and further, that the said John Hall has never received a warrant for the Bounty Land (2) promised him on the part of the United States nor has he ever assigned or transferred his claim in any manner whatsoever; neither have his heirs or any of them to my knowledge received a warrant of the Land due as aforesaid.

Therefore, know all men by these presents that I Samuel Hall aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Col. Joseph Watson of Washington City to be my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a Warrant for the quantity of land due to me and to other heirs of John Hall as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have herewith affixed my hand and seal this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1829. (Signed) Samuel Hall

Letters in the file.

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Reference: John Hall. B.L.Wt.1492-100

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Mr. A.D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator  
Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you kindly for you letter of March 20, 1939 furnishing me with such information as is available regarding John Hall, who served in the Second New York Regiment during the Revolution. The discharge certificate which I possess has considerable value at present and will tend to increase in value in the future and I am accordingly not interested in adopting your suggestion of surrendering the document of the custody of the Veterans Administration. Nevertheless, I am very grateful to you for the information that you have given me.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Buell

Department of State, Washington

My dear Mrs. Finch:

At the suggestion of the Archivist of the United States, I am writing to inquire whether any information is contained in your records or archives pertaining to pension paid to one John Hall, who served in the Second New York Regiment during the American Revolution, or to any of his descendants. My reason for making this inquiry is that I am in possession of his discharge certificate, signed by General Washington, and am endeavoring to ascertain whether he has any known living descendants for this document would undoubtedly be of considerable interest to them. Any information or suggestions you may be able to give me in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours, Robert L. Buell

Reference is made to your letter of March 10, addressed to Mrs. Finch, in which you state that you have in your possession a discharge certificate signed by George Washington and issued to John Hall who served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Regiment. You request information in regard to any pension which may have been claimed on account of his service and the names of any of his descendants who, or course, would be materially interested in that document.

The Revolutionary War pension and bounty land records have been searched and a claim for bounty land (no pension) found based upon service of a John Hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Regiment, in that war. This claim for bounty land was made by his son, Samuel Hall, and it was allowed. He stated that he believed that his father's

discharge must have been destroyed at the time of his death, as it could then (1829) nowhere be found. He stated, also, that his father served to the end of the war (1783). (3)

It is believed that the discharge certificate, to which you refer, was issued, doubtless, to the John Hall described above. His son, Samuel, is deceased, of course, No names of any other descendants are shown in the papers in the claim for land.

If you are interested in the preservation of this old document, it may be stated that every precaution is observed by the Veterans Administration in the preservation of all Revolutionary War documents in its custody, and this document could be placed with the application for bounty land cited above, to complete the set of papers and become a permanent part of the whole, if you care to dispose of it in this way. This has been done by a few others for a permanent resting place and for future reference by descendants of Revolutionary War soldiers. This is merely a suggestion.

End Notes—B.L.Wt 1492-100 John Hall

1. John enlisted as a private during war on February 28, 1781 in Captain Henry VanDenburgh's Company in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 34, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. According to the Balloting Book and Other Decoments Relating to Military Bounty Lands In The State of New York, Albany 1825, page 40, John Hall was given 600 acres in Township 8, Lot 87.
3. During John's service he would have been in the Yorktown Virginia Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781. In 1782 he would have served around the West Point or Highlands, New York area and he would have been discharged in June of 1783 at New Windsor near Newburgh.