

Pension Application for Jesse Hall

S.8666

State of Virginia, Montgomery County SS.

On this 30th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of law and chancery for the county aforesaid. The same being a court of record, Jesse Hall a resident of said County and state, aged seventy three years last march, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.—

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States, in February 1776, for nine months, under Captain Nathan Pierce (1), in Dutchess county, State of N. York, and was attached to and served in the regiment commanded by Colonel Richmon which regiment belonged to the Brigade of Genl. M'Dougal. He was in the battle of the White Plains (3), and was discharged near Fort Montgomery in the State of New York some time in the month of December following his enlistment—Afterwards, in the said County of Dutchess and State of N. York, on the first day of May 1777, being drafted, he again entered as a militia man into the service of the U. States under Colonel Morehouse (4), in the company of William Pierce. He was marched to a point about fifteen miles above the City of N. York, on the Hudson, at this time the British were in possession of the city of N. York. At this station he remained three months in the regiment commanded by the said Colo. Morehouse & company of Capt. Wm. Pierce.—Afterward, early in August (there being no interruption of his service) he was connected with a division of the army under command of Genl. Putnam, (Morehouse still being his Colonel & Pierce his Captain) and marched near to Fort Montgomery, with a view to its relief but the forces to which he belonged was unable to give any assistance and the Fort was taken. He then fell back to the place from whence he had started—the point fifteen miles above the city of N. York, having been absent one month, according to his best recollection. He continued at this latter point after his said return, in the service, three months until the first of December or the early part of that month, when, and where he was discharged. He was, at the time of his discharge, in the regiment of Colo. Morehouse & company of Capt. William Pierce. Afterwards, in the month of March 1778, in the same state & county, he enlisted under a Captain Johnston, as a regular, for the term of nine months and joined the regiment commanded by Colonel Gonsay (the name is spelt to give the sound.) This applicant was stationed for the greater part of this tour of service at Fort Plank or Blank on the Mohawk River. Colo. Gonsay during the time had his station some twenty miles higher up the river at Fort Stanwock. There was but a captain's command at Fort Plank, and that command, as this applicant understood, was part of Gonsay's regiment. The soldiers at Fort Plank, believed the name of the Colonel to whose regiment they belonged to he Gonsay or Ganzier. The applicant had no personal acquaintance with him. A part of this tour of service was spent in an expedition to a place called Cherry valley, for the purpose of surprising some Tories and Indians who had done considerable mischief to that neighborhood while on this expedition he and his company were attached to a militia regiment commanded by one Colonel Clock. He returned again to Fort Plank, and his nine month tour being expired, he was discharged in December 1778—Afterward in the month of August 1779, in the same county and State he went as a draft, in the service of the U. States under the command of Colo. Burcham in the company of Captain Israel Veal and was stationed during the three months for which he was drafted, at West Point on the Hudson, where he was discharged in the month of November 1779, having served three months, from some period in the preceding August. His discharges have long since been lost. This applicant was born in the State of Rhode Island on the 22nd March 1760. He has a record of his age at his own house where he resides.

He came, an infant from Rhode Island to Dutchess County in the State of New York, which latter place was his residence when called into service. His residence for the last forty four years has been in the county of Montgomery, State of Virginia.

He received discharges but whether he received one of each tour of service or not he cannot now recollect. He cannot now recollect whether his discharges were signed by a Captain, Colonel or an officer of some other grade. He well remembers, however, to have received several of them which he thought would be of no value in future & permitted them to be lost or were cast away. He has no other evidence of his said services, but that accompanying this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Jesse Hall

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Reply dated September 8, 1936 to a letter of inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Jesse Hall who applied for pension while residing in Montgomery County, Virginia.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.8666, based upon the military service of Jesse Hall.

He was born March 22, 1760 in Rhode Island. The names of his parents were not given.

While living in Dutchess County, New York, where he had moved from Rhode Island when an infant, he enlisted in February 1776, served nine months as private in Captain Nathan Pierce's company in Colonel Richmore's New York regiment and was in the battle of White Plains. He enlisted May 1, 1777, in Captain William Piece's (5) company in Colonel Morehouse's New York Regiment and was discharged in December 1777. He enlisted in March, 1778, in Captain Johnston's (6) company in Colonel Genzie's (Gonsies, Gonseys) Company New York regiment and was discharged in December 1778. He enlisted in August, 1779, in Captain Israel Veal's (7) company in Colonel Burcham's (8) York regiment and was discharged in November 1779.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 7, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Montgomery County, Virginia, and he then stated he had lived there for the last forty-four years.

In 1832 one Asa Hall of Montgomery County, Virginia, stated that he had served in the Revolution with Jesse Hall but he did not state that they were related. There are no further data relative to the family of Jesse Hall.

End Notes—S.8666—Jesse Hall

1. Captain Nathan Pearce, Jr. raised a company from Dutchess County which was attached to the Third New York Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Rudolphus Ritzema in 1776.
2. Alexander McDougall, Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment was appointed brigadier general on August 9, 1776. He was appointed major general on October 20, 1777.
3. The Battle of White Plains, NY was fought on October 28, 1776.
4. Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Morehouse in the Third Regiment of Dutchess County Militia Commanded by Colonel John Field.
5. Captain William Pierce was in the Third Dutchess County. Jesse also had served in Captain Joseph Dyckman's Company in the same regiment.
6. Jesse is mistaken about the officers' names. He may be referring to Captain Cornelius T. Jansen in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third Continental New Your Regiment. Jansen is often referred to as Johnson or Johnston. Gansevoort is misspelled as well. Most of the Third New York was stationed at Fort Schuyler (For Stanwix) in 1778. The other New York Continental Regiments were at or near Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and eventually marched to New Jersey and several of the regiments were in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778. From the muster rolls of the Third New York there were no levies attached to the Third New York in 1778.
7. Israel Vail (Veal) was a captain in Colonel James VanDenburgh's Fifth Regiment of Dutchess County Militia.
8. Benjamin Birsdall was the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifth Dutchess. From October 10, 1779 to November 23, 1779 a detachment of the Dutchess County Militia Regiments were out under Colonel Morris Graham of the First Dutches.