

Revolutionary soldiers from Hall

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It is not known how many men who fought in the Revolutionary War later became residents of Hall County, at least for a period of time. A Pension Roll of 1833 and 1834 gives a list of 23 soldiers then living in Hall County who were eligible for pensions.

There is another list naming over 50 Revolutionary veterans in Hall County who drew land lots elsewhere in one of the Georgia Land Lotteries. Many who fought for America's freedom from the British came to this section of Georgia after the close of the war to seek a new home and their fortune.

Locations of burial plots of these pioneer "freedom fighters" are constantly being sought by the Daughters of the American Revolution that they might appropriately mark the graves. Several have been located; however, many graves cannot now be found as they seemingly have been obliterated with the ravages of time and the elements of Mother Nature. However, occasionally the operation is caused by unthinking mankind.

Alta Vista
On the D.A.R. memorial plot in Alta Vista Cemetery are the graves of two veterans, Beal Baker and Col. William Clark. John Inzer, born 1759 and died

1831, is buried in the Timber Ridge Baptist Cemetery. An article from The Atlanta Constitution, 1925, gave the report that the following graves were being marked: "Halcon, in the Minor Brown graveyard, Gainesville (this plot has been moved to Alta Vista and I decipher the data as; Jordan Holcomb); Johnnie Whelchel, New Bridge Cemetery, four miles northeast of Gainesville; James Hulsey, 1 1/2 miles from Clark Bridge in the old Dewberry cemetery."

There are several other Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Hall County, some of the graves located and marked and other locations unknown. Isaac Horton, Edwin Harrison, John Black, James Rylee, Sr., Benjamin West, Sr., Benjamin Parks, Sr., Thomas Burford, and possibly David Barnett.

The July 1967 issue of The Georgia Genealogical Magazine contained data about another Revolutionary soldier who died in Hall County. This information was furnished by a

descendant now living in El Paso, Tex. Pension record of Abel Kendrick Rev. Soldier of Hall County, Ga.

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"Abel Kendrick appeared before the Inferior Court in Hall County, Ga., March 14, 1834, and made his declaration in order to obtain a Revolutionary Soldier's pension under the Act of 1832, and deposed he was 75 years old, and that in the spring of 1779 he volunteered in Capt. William Grant's company as a private militiaman for a three months tour of duty: that they marched to a place called Fair Forest when they joined Col. Norman Wofford's Regiment and then marched to Augusta in Georgia, though they were stationed on the S.C. side of the Savannah River. Remained at the place until his tour of duty expired when he was honorably discharged and returned home. "He said that two or three months after returning home he was drafted for three more months in the South Carolina militia, under Capt. Wm. Grant, and they marched to Fair Forest where they joined Col. Brandon's Regiment and then they marched to Savannah in Georgia and took part on the attack against the British there. They were repulsed and forced to retreat. Regiment then returned home, and his enlist-

ment having expired he was discharged by Capt. Grant and returned home.

"He states further that sometime in the year 1780 he was drafted for another three months. They marched to Blackstock's Ford on Tiger River where they had a skirmish with the British. In 1781 he was again drafted and served in Capt. Robert Montgomery's company. In the Spring of 1782 he was again drafted for three months tour against the Indians, serving under Lieut. Henley and Col. Kilgore.

"The applicant said he was born in Hanover County, Vir., March 14, 1759, and at the time of his service he lived in Union District, S.C. He continued living there until 12 years ago when he removed to Franklin County, Ga., thence to Hall County, Ga. where he has lived for the past 13 years and now lives."

Robert Kendrick, son of the pensioner, made his affidavit at Marietta, Ga., Dec. 8, 1858, and stated that his father died interstate in Hall County, Ga., Aug. 23, 1836, leaving a widow Judy Kendrick, and seven children, and that said widow Judy died interstate in Forsyth, Ga., Sept. 28, 1836, Monroe County.

