

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Higgins VAS1517

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Kentucky Montgomery County: Sct.

Personally Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County James Higgins and made oath that he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the State [of] Virginia on the 26th day of March 1776 in Captain William Croghan's¹ Company of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman of the Continental Establishment and that he continued to serve as Lieutenant in said Regiment until June 1779 at which time he left the Service of the [state of] Virginia Continental line, as a Supernumerary Officer of the above grade, and that he has never received his Land County aforesaid Service and that he wishes the same to be granted to him.

S/ Jas Higgins



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of September 1820

S/ John Williams, JP

State of Kentucky __ County: Sct.

Benjamin Roberts² Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that he was a Captain in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolution: and that he was personally acquainted with James Higgins a Lieutenant in Captain William Croghan's Company of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman of the Continental Establishment, and that he knows said James Higgins did serve as Lieutenant in the above mentioned Regiment and line from March or April 1776 until sometime in August 1779 making upwards of three years service at which time said Lieutenant Higgins left the service Supernumerary Officer at the time the consolidation of regiments took place.

S/ Ben. Roberts



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of September 1820

S/ Joseph Simvall, JP

¹ [William Croghan BLWt448-400](#)

² Probably the same man as [Benjamin Roberts S31343](#)

State of Kentucky Fayette County: Sct.

Captain John Nelson³ appeared before me a Justice of the Peace was said County and made oath that he was Captain in the 5th Virginia Regiment and served during the War and that he was well acquainted with the above named James Higgins who was a Lieutenant in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman and that said Lieutenant Higgins served in said Regiment from the month of March 1776 until the month of June 1779 at which time a consolidation of regiments took place and said Lieutenant Higgins was left out of service as a supernumerary officer and that said James Higgins served as a Lieutenant upwards of 3 years in the above mentioned 8th Virginia Regiment.

S/ Jn. Nelson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jn. Nelson", written over a faint horizontal line.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June 1821 and I certify that the above deponent is a credible witness. [The image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

³ [John Nelson S35537](#)