

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

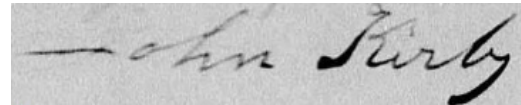
Pension Application of Henry Gaines (Gains, Ganes) R3864 Catherine Gaines VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[Capitalization partly corrected in the first two transcripts.]

State of Kentucky }
Owen County } Sct

On the 14th day of March 1838 pearsonally appeared before me Lewis White A Justice of the peace in & for the county aforesaid Katy Gains Aged 73 years who being first duly sworn doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress past July the 4th 1836 the declarant stats that she was the widow of Henry Gains whoo was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army She states that about the month of May in the year 1779 he the said Henry Gains did enter in the Virginia Continental line under the command of Captain Christopher Blackburn & marched from Essex County state of Virginia to the battle of Peters Burg [sic: Battle of Blandford Hill near Petersburg, 25 Apr 1781] & thence to the isle of white Church [sic: Isle of Wight Church], thence to little York on the 19th of Oct 1783 [see endnote] and then returned home after haveing been about two years in the service of his Country discharging his duty faithfully as a soldier as will satisfactoraly appears from the affidavit of John Kirby She further stats that she was married to the said Henry Gains about the first of March 1779 which marriage she stats she is able to prove by respectable liveing witness that her husband the afore said Henry Gains departed this life on the first day of June 1814 as will appear from the proof hear annext and that she the said Katy Gains has remained a widow eversince Sworn & subscribed on the day and year above written
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I John Kirby of Owen County Kentucky state that I was a regular soldier in the Virginia Continental Line during the war of Revolution and was well acquainted with the late Henry Gains and do well know that he was in the Battle of Peters Burg & the Isle of white Church and also the Battle of little York on the 19th of Oct 1783 he states he believes the said Henry Gains belonged to the third Va Regiment under Capt Christopher Blackburn and he thinks commanded by Collonel Heath [sic: William Heth] Given from under my hand this 14th day of March 1838



NOTES:

The date "19th of Oct 1783" is evidently a mistaken reference to the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown on 19 Oct 1781. There was no battle on 19 Oct 1783 or at Isle of Wight Church.

The claim for a pension was rejected because of insufficient evidence of service.

On 14 March 1844 Catherine Gains was said to be 90, and she stated that John Kirby had been dead several years. The file includes a letter dated 3 Feb 1855 by H. H. Gaines, administrator of Catherine Gaines, deceased.