

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Gaines R3866

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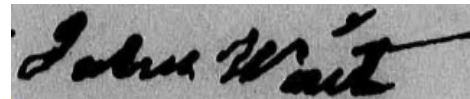
The State of South Carolina } In the Common Pleas
Laurens District }

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Richard Gantt, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in open Court now sitting, Richard Gaines a resident of Laurens district in the State of South Carolina aged 80 years who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. Viz

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1774 or 75 with Capt John Jamieson [sic: John Jameson, pension application R15404] and served in the first Continental Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers viz, Col Laurence Taliaferro [sic: Lawrence Taliaferro], Major Alexander Spotswood, Capt John Jamieson, Lieut Gabriel Long and ensign David Jamieson [David Jameson S5607]. That he was discharged and left the service on the [blank] day of [blank] 1776 or 77 that he resided at the time he entered the service in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia. That he enlisted for two years, and was at the Seige of ~~Little York~~ Norfolk [see endnote] I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid Richard hisXmark Gaines

South Carolina }
Laurens district } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Laurens district in the State aforesaid John Waite [John Wait, pension application S7812] who being duly sworn deposeth and says that he was acquainted and served with Richard Gaines in the revolutionary war in the army of the United States, That he was an enlisted soldier for two years in the first Continental Regiment of the Virginia line – and that he served out his time as a soldier
Sworn to & subscribed before me the 11th day of July 1833
[signed] C Williams JP



South Carolina } Personally Came Robert Gaines before me James Clardy one of of the Justices
Laurens District } of the Peace of said District and made oath That Richard Gaines of the District
aforesaid did Serve as a Soldier in the Old Revolutionary War The first Tower
which said Richard Gaines Served he was called a minute man but on oath says he does not recollect how
long he was out at that time; but say on his oath that Richard Gaines was frequently out as a Soldier
through said War
Sworn and subscribed before me the 1st day of August 1834 [signed] Robert Gaines

South Carolina } Personally Came Thomas Gaines before me James Clardy one of the Justices
assigned to keep the peace in said District and on Oath sayeth that he has been acquainted with Richard
Gaines Applicant for pension Seventy years and says the said Richard Gaines served a Tower in the old
Revolutionary War and was in the first body of Troops in Virginia raised against the British Army
Sworn to before me the 4th August 1834. [signed] Thomas Gaines
Laurens District }

NOTES:

Lawrence Taliaferro was in the Culpeper District Battalion of Minutemen, not in the 1st Continental Regiment of Virginia. There was no siege at Norfolk, but the city was burned on 1 Jan 1776.

In his own pension declaration dated 17 Oct 1832 John Wait claimed service in a different regiment than Gaines claimed. In support of Wait's application, Gaines stated on 11 July 1833 that he "served with John Wait in the Continental Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War and that he served as an enlisted Soldier 2 years in the Virginia line in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Hugh] Mercer known as the 3rd Continental Regiment of the Virginia line."

Richard Gaines's claim was denied for lack of proof of at least six months service.

On 3 Aug 1853 James Gaines, 62, of Cass County GA, applied for any pension still owed to Richard Gaines, who died on 9 Nov 1837, leaving no widow but the following children besides himself: Mary Ellen who married George Tierce; William Gaines; Stephen Gaines; Henry Gaines.