

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Ginnings R4050

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Adams County }

On this 24th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable John W. Price, President of the tenth Judicial Circuit Robert Morrison Samuel McClanahan & William Robbins, Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County & State aforesaid now sitting William Ginnings a resident of Tiffin Township in the County of Adams and State of Ohio, aged seventy two years on the 22^d day of February last who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

First his Father Joshua Ginnings turned out a Volunteer in the Revolutionary War to perform a Tour of two months in the month of September in the year 1779 That this deponent went out as a Substitute in the room of his said Father to perform the Tour aforesaid that at the time he entered himself a substitute as aforesaid he resided in Stafford County in the State of Virginia that in the month of September in the year 1779 he marched from Stafford County aforesaid to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] and joined the Army of the United States at the Rappahanic [sic: Rappahannock] Forge to prevent the British from taking the armory then at that place. That Gen'l. Weeden [sic: George Weedon; see endnote] commanded the detachment that the Captain who commanded the Company in which he march from Stafford County was Capt Hord but after arriving at Fredericksburgh he was attached to another Company. That during this tour the Company to which he was attached was marched twice to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] & back again That the detachment in which he served was commanded entirely by Militia Officers that after serving the said two months tour the Company to which he belonged were discharged by giving the Captain of the Company Credit for a tour of duty but that this deponent did not receive a written discharge. He then returned home. That a few weeks say about three weeks after his return home he was drafted and attached to Capt Ballards Company & marched to the Potomac to meet the British at the time they destroyed Brents property [Col. William Brent's, 16 Jul 1776]. This detachment was commanded by Colo. Garrett [sic: James Garrard], who afterwards was Govenor of the State of Kentucky. That after serving a two month tour he with the company received a Credit for a two months tour & were dismissed the service without receiving written discharged.

That in the month of July 1780 (he still residing in Stafford County Virg'a) he was drafted for two months tour and marched under Captain Reed to Port royall [sic: Port Royal] to defend it from an attack which it was reported the British were about to make on it that after remaining there he and the company were credited for a two months tour and dismissed the service of the United States without any written discharge. That in the month of July 1781 his father the said Joshua Ginnings was drafted in Culpeper County in the state of Virginia for a two months tour and he went out as a substitute for his father & marched from Culpepper County aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain Miles – the detachment was commanded by Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens to be marched to Albamal [sic: Albemarle County] to repell an attack which the British were about to make on that place and when within about three fourths of a mile of Albamarl the detachment were Ordered to march to Yorktown and when arrived at York Town Cornwallace was beseiged in it [sic: Cornwallis, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] – he continued there at the seige untill the time of his father for whom he was a substitute had expired

The Class of the Company to which he belonged in Stafford County was drafted and arrived at York Town, he belonging to the same Class was of course drafted and being then at the seige of York was joined to his Class and continued there till Cornwallace Surrendered – after which he was one of the

Militia troops who guarded the Prisoners from York Town to Winchester Barracks where he was discharged from the service of the United States after having performed a tour of four months including the last two months he served as a substitute for his father. He does not now recollect by whom his discharge was signed. About thirty years ago his shop was burnt and his discharge with other Valuable papers were consumed by fire

It should be understood that during the siege of York he served in the Artillery from the day after he joined the Troops till the surrender of Cornwallis and had the mortification of seeing many of his fellow soldiers killed by his side or near to him. That he was part of the army to whom the British Army surrendered

Interrogatories to be answered by William Ginning

1st. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer I was born on the Pignut ridge in Culpeper county in the state of Virginia in the year 1762 as I have been informed by my Parents

2 Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

My age is recorded in my Bible and that is at my house

3^d. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and Where do you now live?

When first called into the service of the United States I lived in Stafford County Virginia afterwards in Culpeper County. After the revolutionary war I lived two years in Culpeper County after which I lived Eighteen years in Kentucky and while living there it is believed I killed several Indians. I have lived in this County about thirty three years and now live in it.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

I was a substitute two tours for my father Joshua Ginnings – the other tours I served I was drafted

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with troops where you served; such as continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

At the time of service I knew many of the names of the Officers of the Continental & Militia troops but the time since is long & I am old & infirm & cannot at this time recollect any other names than those mentioned in the foregoing declaration

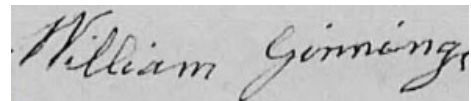
6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received a discharge when dismissed from the Service of the United States at Winchester Barracks but cannot at this time recollect by whom it was given – it was burnt in my Shop many years since

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

I State the names of Judge Dinning John Baldrige Jacob Hempleman Jacob Treber John Killin Wesley Lee & Abraham Hollingsworth

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State



June 15 1850 Eliza Francis Shultz Late Eliza F Ginnings
West union Adams County Ohio

to your honour Mr Holmes we received your Letter three years Since Thomas W ginnings who wrote to you is dead and I think it my Duty to inform the Department that I am an heir to the pension of William ginnings who served time under general George Washington Joshua Ginning Came from England when A young man was Married to Francis Bery of Virginia William ginnings who was called for his grand father in England was 18 years of age when Joshua was Called to the war of Revolution Wm Ginning made an

agreed with the officers to take him instead of his father and they did and this was the reason he did not gain his pension when he applied for it in 1818. William Ginnings was born February 2, 1763 and was married to Betsy West January 1, 1783. Shortly after his return to Virginia he moved to Kentucky, lived there some years and came into Ohio with Simon Kenton [sic: Simon Kenton S41719] when the Indians inhabited this country and William Ginnings was shot through the calf of his leg while shooting of Washington horses when he had not time to dismount but they are all dead and I am one of three heirs which is left of Wm Ginnings deceased near West Union.
Eliza F Shultz Adams County Ohio

NOTES:

Gen. George Weedon left active service by November 1778 and did not return until the summer of 1781.

The reason stated for rejection of Ginnings's claim was, "For more full and perfect details of service."