

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Haney [Haine] R4563 Elizabeth Haney f112NC[SC]
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County} On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County of Rutherford Robert Haney a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 75 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 7th of June 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1775 with Captain William Brinkly and served in the ___ following named officers

That he enlisted in the year 1775 in Halifax County North Carolina for the term of thirty months with Captain William Binkley served in a southern tower [tour] under the command of Colonel Summers [sic, Jethro Sumner] or some such name on our march we was at Wilmington North Carolina on to Charleston was at and in the Engagement on Sullivans Island¹ under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee] we was ordered from that place as we understood to Saint Augustine but only got as far as Sunsbury [Sunbury] (Georgia) we was then halted on account of sickness in the Country and returned back to North Carolina near the Virginia line about that time my term of service expired I was discharged from thence I returned to Charlotte County Virginia and there substituted myself in the militia service for three months in the place of Francis Foster belonging to Captain Mortins [probably Jacob Morton's] Company we was at peters-burge [Petersburg] and Wilmingtonsbury [Williamsburg] went from there to Hamptons road at the mouth of James River – I remained there until discharged. I then went into South Carolina where I was drafted in a three months tower served under Captain Grant [William Grant] the Regiment was under the command of Colonel Brannon [Thomas Brandon] we was marched on to the ten mile house above Charleston where we was stationed until our time of service expired and we was discharged, immediately after my return I was a volunteer under the same Captain for three months this Regiment was under the command of Major Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] in this service I was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].² We joined the main Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] about 25 miles above where the battle was fought shortly after I returned home I was a volunteer with Captain Grant – Major Jolly was our commanding [officer] we joined General Pickens near Seneca River South Carolina and went on to the Nation there was not much done, I then returned home and was

¹ 28th June 1786 Fort Moultrie #1 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

drafted with Captain Grant – marched to bacons bridge [Bacons Bridge] in South Carolina where we remained until I was discharged. I returned home (Union District South Carolina) was still a volunteer until the close of the war – was several times called out in scouting parties against Tories that was disaffected. After the close of the war I removed to Rutherford County North Carolina where I have resided for fifty years. I lost all my papers I had relative to my services at the battle of the Eutaw Springs. I well know I spent the prime of my life in the service of my Country for which I have never received any compensation. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever 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 whatever.
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Haney, X his mark

Question 1st by the Court Where and in what year were you Born

Answer. I was born in the year 1757 – in the State of Virginia

Question 2nd – Have you any Record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have not only from circumstances

Question 3rd . Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Answer. I was living in Halifax County North Carolina when first called into service. I never settled myself permanently until after the Revolutionary [war] I think in the year 1783 I moved to Rutherford County North Carolina where I have resided ever since.

Question 4th . How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or did you enlist or were you a Substitute and if a substitute for home

Answer. I first enlisted for 30 months my next service was for 3 a substitute for Francis Foster my next Service was drafted for 3 months my next Tower I was a volunteer for 3 months my next Tower I was drafted for 3 months I then became a volunteer to the end of the Revolutionary War

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Ans. Colonel Sumner, Captain William Brinkley, Lieutenant Pervalt [sic, Isaac Prevat] – General Lee commanded at the Battle of Moultrie on Sullivans island I after salt General Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney], General Rutledge and General Howe [William Howell] while at Charleston I was with General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] 2 tours – one to the Indian Nation, the other at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs – &c &c

6. Did you ever receive a written discharge from the service & if so By whom was it given. And what has become of it.

Answer. I Did not

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity & good behavior & your services as a soldier in the Revolution.

[no answer indicated]

[Drury Dobbins & Francis Young gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the said Court Robert Haney and after being Duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of

old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades

1775	Enlisted as a private for	30 months	under Captain Brinkley
1778	Substituted for Francis Foster	3	under Captain Morton in Virginia
1779	drafted	3	under Captain Grant
1779	Volunteered for	3	under Captain Grant
1780	Volunteered for	3	under the same Captain
1781	volunteered for	3	under the same Captain
1781 –	Volunteered and served		
1782	Several short Towers not less than	<u>3</u>	Under the same Captain
		48 months	

Forty-eight months I served During the Revolutionary war and I have no knowledge of any person that is now living that I can prove any Service by I have made application to the Secretary of the State he informs me that my name is not to be found on the Records at that place his letter is annexed to these papers the loss of my papers and length of time places it out of my power to procure any other evidence for which service I claim a pension.

Sworn to in Open court the 10th day of June 1833

S/ T. F. Birchett, Clk

S/ Robert Haney, X his mark

[Drury Dobbins and Daniel Gold gave another supporting affidavit.]

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Amended Declaration of Robert Haney

The Declarant says, that he enlisted as stated in his original declaration in Captain Brinkley's Company at Halifax North Carolina, in the third Regiment under command of Colonel Sumner, sometime in April and was marched to South Carolina & was present in the battle at Sullivan's Island (as he thinks) in June following. He performed his tour until furloughed at Savannah under this enlistment but cannot now state in what year he entered or came out of the service. – He was afterwards in Union District South Carolina where he was drafted & marched in the Company of Captain William Grant, under Major Benjamin Jolly & Colonel Thomas Brandon to a place called the ten mile house near Charleston, that being at the time the headquarters of the forces to which he belonged, he thinks General Pickens or Lincoln commanded in chief; this was shortly before the fall of Charleston which he thinks was in May & he was discharged his tour being expired in the previous February. – Shortly after he was drafted again for three months which he served out, and was twice afterwards drafted for a like period & served out each but he cannot say in what particular year each or either of them was done. He remembers that in each he was commanded by the same officers of Company & Regiment & that he was in the battle at Eutaw Springs in one, at Bacons Bridge in another, and in one perhaps the third or maybe the fourth, he was marched in pursuit of the Indians to Hiwassee, but at this distance of time he cannot distinctly state their precedence of each other nor a fixed the particular service of each. The cause of his inability to give a distinct detail of time and service which he rendered in South Carolina is owing to his great age & infirmity, not expecting at this time of his life, until his memory had become frail, that the recollection of facts in detail would be of any benefit or service to him.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the 2nd day of October 1835

S/ Martin Beam, JP

S/ Robert Haney, X his mark

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally came Simon Davis³ before me the subscribing Justice of the Peace of said County & made oath that he was acquainted with Robert Haney in Union District South Carolina, that himself and said Robert Haney were each drafted to go in the service in time of the Revolution and were marched off by Captain William Grant to the low country we came to the Eutaw Springs, and upon occasion of the battle at that place I remember to have seen Robert Haney take arms and go out in the engagement to fight; I saw him immediately after the fight and at the expiration of our tour of three months Haney and myself came home together to Union.

S/ Simon Davis

Sworn to before me the 2nd day of October 1835. I also certify that Simon Davis the affiant is known to me personally, and has the character of a man of truth among his acquaintances.

S/ Martin Beam, JP

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Raleigh 12th May 1833

Dear Sir

At the request of G. Walton Esquire I have carefully searched the muster rolls and other documents in this Office for the name of Robert Haney, said to have been a revolutionary Soldier, but have not been able to find it. I regret that the old Gentlemen must resort to prove to obtain his pension. If a private opportunity offers I will return his money, 50 Cents he sent me for fees &c.

Your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill [North Carolina Secretary of State]

The Post Master at Rutherfordton

[p 13: On May 30, 1846 in Pope County Tennessee, Elizabeth Haney, 86, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Robert Haney, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married him in Chester district South Carolina sometime prior to the year 1780; that he died August 17, 1836 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 7: On June 11, 1855 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Timothy Haney, 67, son and heir at law of Robert Haney filed an application in which he largely restates the services set forth in his father's application; he states that his father died August 17 183? [last digit written through and illegible] and his mother died February 10, 1850; he files this claim for whatever pension benefits may have been due their father and or their mother and he files in own behalf of himself and his brothers and sisters.]

[p 11: family record]

John Haney was born January 24, 1781

Satty was born November 19 1783 [another version reads: "Sally Haney Daughter of Robert Haney was Born November the 19th AD 1783]

Nancey was born January 10 1785 [second version lists her name as: "Nancy"]

³ [Simon Davis S6784](#)

Timothy was born April 15 1787
Elizabeth May 14 1789
Robert was born July 3 1792
Mary was born February 2 1795
Rebeiker was born May 9th 1797 [second version lists her name as: "Rebecca"]
Cintha was born May 17 1799 [second version lists her name as "Syntha"]
Wm Haney was born June 11 1801
Bethaney was born July 8 183 [sic, 1803?]
Thomas B. Haney was born August the 17 186 [sic, 1806?]
Washington was born December 30th 188 [sic, 1808]
Robert Haney was born March 30 1757 died 1837

[Facts in file: The veteran married Elizabeth Bailey; the date of her birth and the name of her parents is not shown in the file; the date of death of the veteran is seriously given in the file as August 14 1836, in 1837 or August 17, 1838. Other family data in the file shows: Timothy Haney born February 13, 1819; Drsilar [Drusilla?] Haney born August 28, 18?? [illegible]; Celia born July ?? [illegible]; Maryan Dobbins born July 17, 1839; and Lidenia Haney born January 17, 1829.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Robert Hainey [sic] pp4
Audited Account No. 3221
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[No. 2874 Book X] 30 May 86 [1786]
Robert Hainey [sic] For Militia Duty in Brandon's Regiment since the fall of Charleston per
Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] Amounting to
[old South Carolina] Currency £48.0.0
Sterling £6.17.1 ½
Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 4 (retake of page 3): Restatement of the veteran's claim as stated above except in a different format.]

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.