

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Higgins R4978

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State of Georgia Habersham County: SS

On this 22nd day of October 1840, personally appeared before me the Justice of the Inferior Court of the State and County above written, Henry Higgins a resident of Mossey Creek in the County of Habersham and State of Georgia, aged eighty-six years who being 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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he was drafted in York District South Carolina in the year 1776 for six months and served under Captain John Land and Battalion commanded by Major Phillip Pearson, and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Eli Cashaw [sic, Eli Kershaw], and marched to Moncks Corner and was stationed there, serve six months and was discharged by Captain Land, and returned home to York District, He turned out a volunteer in the year 1781 under the above named officers, and marched to Congaree [River], served there three months, and was discharged by Captain John Land, And again returned to York District, And was again drafted in the year 1782 for six months under Captain Jacob Rump, and was attached to the command of Colonel Sumter, marched to Orangeburg, served four months there, received news of the cessation of hostilities, and was discharged by Captain Joseph Rump; all the above mentioned service amounting to one year and one month he served as a private, he answers as follows, to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department as follows.

1st he was born in Prince William County State of Virginia, in the year 1754 on the 18th day of August

To the 2nd – he states the original record of his age is destroyed.

To the 3rd – he states, he was living in York District South Carolina when called into service and he moved after the Revolution from York District to Lawrence District [sic, Laurens District] in the same State, and thence to Richmond, thence to Greenville District in the same State, thence to Franklin County in the State of Georgia, thence to Habersham County in the said State of Georgia,

To the 4th he states he was drafted the first tour, and volunteered the second, and was drafted in the third,

and to the 5th he states that from old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot recollect

the number of the Regiments, nor any more of the officers than is set forth in the foregoing declaration,

To the 6th he states he received three discharges, the two first from Captain John Land and the third from Captain Jacob Rump, they are all lost.

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, and he further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, therefore he has no other means of establishing his claim only by his own oath, and that from old age and infirmity of body he cannot attend the court of record, all of which is sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Higgins, X his mark

S/ Gabriel Sisk, JIC

[James Quillian, a clergyman, and Elisha England gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 18: On January 6, 1842 in Habersham County Georgia, Ann Higgins, 91, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Henry Higgins before and since the revolution and that she was aware of his being away from home and reputed to be in the service at different times during the revolution. Her relationship, if any to the veteran is not stated.]

[fn p. 20: On October eight, 1841 in Hall County Georgia, Mary A. Glenn, gave testimony that she became acquainted with Henry Higgins while living in Lawrence [sic, Laurens] district South Carolina shortly after the revolutionary war and that she heard her father and her two brothers say that they were acquainted with Henry Higgins while serving in the revolution. She does not name her father or her brothers.]

State of Georgia Habersham County: SS This is to certify that the original Declaration of Henry Higgans made in 1833 and sent back to William H Steelman of Clarksville deceased, is lost or mislaid so that it cannot be come at and that the foregoing Declaration is in substance a copy of the original as near as can be ascertained there being no complete record of the proceedings.

Given under my hand this ___ day of October 1840

S/ D. H. Bryson, agent Clarksville Habersham County Georgia

[fn p. 8: On May 5, 1853 in Gilmer County Georgia, Reuben E Higgins, 62, executed a power of attorney in which he states that he is the son and heir of Henry Higgins, a revolutionary war veteran; that his father died about November 6, 1845; that his mother Mary G Higgins died on or about April 4th, 1846; that his parents were married on or about December 10th, 1787 while residents of Greenville District South Carolina; that he, affiant, lives in Gilmer counties Georgia.]

[fn p. 11: On December 1, 1853, John Higgins executed a power of attorney in Habersham County Georgia authorizing his attorney to pursue whatever right he may have under the claim of Henry Higgins. Note relationship between John and Henry is stated in the power of attorney.]