

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ananias Higgins R4979

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State of North Carolina Yancey County: SS

On this 29 day of June 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the peace for the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Ananias Higgins a resident of said County aged about seventy-three 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 of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th A.D. 1832. That he was born and raised in part in Guilford County in North Carolina according to the best information he can obtain born on the 14th day of November A.D. 1763. And that he was living in Wilkes County when he served his first tour. And when he served his last tours he was living in Wilkes County North Carolina. And for the last thirty years he has resided in the neighborhood where he now lives – And when he was about sixteen years of age he volunteered into the service as a private for three months sometime in the spring of the year 1779 about the 10th of May under Captain Thomas Price and marched across the Blue Ridge on to the Swannanoa Gap and to French Broad River and to the mouth of Big Ivy and by Caney River – and to Wauforde's Fort in the Turkey Code where he got his discharge. During the time of this tour he was stationed about two weeks at the upper Fort on the Catawba River. They killed and wounded several while they were out this tour, and says although he only volunteered for three they kept him out four months before he was discharged which was about the 15th of September. The following officers he recollects being with the troops this tour – General Charles McDowell, Colonel Joseph McDowell and Major Hern Captain Thomas Price & Lieutenant William Price –

His second tour he volunteered for three months as a private under Captain Beverly and Major Hern to go another expedition against the Indians and marched as far as the upper Fort on the Catawba River where Colonel Joseph McDowell and the other officers discharged him and several others thinking they had men enough without them this was in the fall of the year 1779 last of September. This tour he was out three weeks. His next tour he substituted for his father William Higgins for three months as a private under Captain Gordon and marched & joined the

main Army under Colonel Malmedy & General Greene he believes in the month of June 1781 and marched to the battle of Eutaw Springs in September and was in the battle and had two brothers killed in the battle whose names were Robert and William Higgins and that he received a discharge in Salisbury from Colonel Malmeda [Malmedy] and returned home when he became sickly and was out no more except in scouting parties of a week or two at a time after the Tories – one time Captain Dyer kept him out three weeks after the Tories, in these scouting parties he was a volunteer and still served as a private. And says he has no discharge to show. They being lost or destroyed many years ago. And that he believes he can prove his services by living witnesses. And 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 any Agency of any State or United States –

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year first above written

Attest S/ J. W. Garland, clerk

S/ Ananias Higgins, X his mark

[Jacob L Straley, a clergyman, Benjamin Hensley and J B Ray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Samuel Reed¹ a resident of the County of Yancey do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Ananias Higgins who has sworn to and subscribed to the above Declaration that he is reputed & believed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that I concur in that Opinion. And I further certify that he served one campaign under Colonel Malmedy to the battle of the Eutaw Springs for I was in the same Regiment at the time & knew. Sworn to and subscribed to this 11th day of July 1836

S/ Samuel Reed, C his mark

I Thomas Reed² a resident of the County of Yancey do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the applicant Ananias Higgins who has sworn to & subscribed to the foregoing Declaration, and knew him in the War of the Revolution and served a tour in the same Regiment with him under Colonel Malmedy and was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs. And have every reason to believe that he served in his other tours as he states in his Declaration. And I further certify that I was sick and could not attend court on the day that his declaration was made to give evidence of his services. Sworn to and subscribed to this 14th day of July 1836

S/ Thomas Loyd, JP

S/ Thomas Reed, X his mark

[fn p. 11: On October 25, 1852 in Yancey County North Carolina, Margaret Austin, 51, filed a power of attorney in which she said she is the daughter of Ananias Higgins.]

[fn p. 3: On February 3, 1854, Henry Ray and Samuel Austin of the County of Yancey filed a power of attorney in which they state they are the heirs at law of Ananias Higgins. In a related affidavit they state they are the husbands of daughters of Ananias Higgins.]

¹ [Samuel Reed S7372](#)

² [Thomas Reid \(Reed\) S7366](#)