

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Higgins (Higgans) S17482

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[Note: The first page of the application of this veteran is missing from the version as posted on Fold3.com. as of March 26, 2014 but that page is found (albeit out of sequence) in the version posted on HeritageQuest.com. The pages in both versions are scrambled.]

State of Indiana Hendricks County: Sct. } State of Indiana Hendricks Probate Court the Term of
October 1832

On this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, Personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Jessop Judge of the Hendricks Probate Court, now sitting, Daniel Higgans a resident of the Township of Marion in the County of Hendrix an State of Indiana aged sixty-nine years, 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 7th A.D. 1832, This applicant says that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. This deponent says that his Colonel's name was ___ & his Major's name was John Bowman [?—name written over and unclear] his Captain Silas Hardan [sic, Silas Hardin], his Lieutenant's name was John Ellison and his Ensign's name was William McFee, he further states that he entered the service as aforesaid under the aforesaid officers between the 15th and 20th days of May in the year A.D. 1779. And that he left the service about the 15th day of June A.D. 1779, this deponent further states that he was when in the aforesaid service in a battle with the Indians and British at a Town called Chilicothy [Chillicothe] on the waters of Scioto River in the month of May 1779 – This deponent further states that at the time he entered the service aforesaid he was a resident of the State of Kentucky.

This deponent further states that when in the service aforesaid he passed through the Western Country a North course &c

This deponent further states that after he returned from the service as aforesaid, he was drafted into the service of the United States as a soldier of the Militia of the State of Kentucky. In the year 1780 about the 15th of July and he states that [he] served in said service as aforesaid until the first of September A.D. 1780, he also states that when in said service that he was in another battle with the Indians at the Pickaway Towns [Piqua Towns] North of the Ohio River, he states that he served under the following named officers (to wit) Colonel Benjamin Logan, Major James Harrod, Captain John Ellison, Lieutenant James Harland Ensign David Adams, he also states that he was a resident of Kentucky when he entered the service aforesaid. He also states that he passed through Harrodsburg from thence to Louisville thence up the Ohio a North course to the Pickaway Towns and from thence he was marched back to the Ohio River again, and he

then states that he was there stationed in the service aforesaid at Briants Station [Bryant's Station] to guard the Fort against the hostile Indians and British he states that when guarding said Fort the Indians killed a man by the name of Boon [Boone?], This deponent states that he was guarding said Fort for more than one month and that the services aforesaid was in the month of April 1780 [could be 1781], he also states that his officers at said Fort was named Captain John Coward, And he also states that he was discharged at said Fort by his officer as aforesaid and returned home again where he was bound to be in readiness at all times when called upon by the militia of said State to guard against the invasions of the Indians and British.

This deponent also states that he was called on again in the month of June in the year A.D. 1781 to go down to Kentucky River to bring up canoes to the mouth of Shawney River [Shawnee River] on the Kentucky River as General Clark [George Rogers Clark] was then going on to Detroit, he also states that he was under the following named officers (to wit) Captain John Ellison And this deponent states that he was a Sergeant in the service last aforesaid

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this Deponent states that after he returned with said canoes he was ordered to McFee's Station and remained there until in the month of August guarding the same against the hostile Indians. This deponent further states that he was sent from McFee's Station to Bockman's Station on Dicks River under King Cade [sic, Kincaid ?] our Captain, And he further states that he guarded said Fort until in the year 1782.

This deponent further states that in the month of March of the year 1782, he was drafted into the service of the United States to go to Louisville to make fortifications against the hostile British and Indians under the following named officers (to wit) General Clark, Major John Logan, were his officers at the Fort and that he was detained at said Fort at Louisville about six weeks And was then sent to Bockman's Station. And there volunteered to guard a Country Store of ammunition and to bring the same to Harrodsburg under the following named officers (to wit) Captain John Martin, Lieutenant Nathaniel Houston,

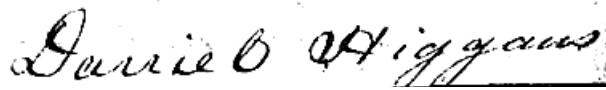
This deponent Further states that in the fall of the year 1782 in the month of October he was again drafted into the service of the United States under the following named officers (to wit) Colonel Benjamin Logan, Major John Logan and Captain Simon Kenton, he states that he was marched on in a North direction across the Ohio River to New Chillicothe [New Chillicothe] on the big Miami [River]. This deponent states that he joined General Clark at the mouth [of] Licking [?] and he states that he was in no Battle during the Tour as aforesaid, And he also deposes and saith that he was marched back to Kentucky to Wilson Station on Salt River and that he was at said Fort about six months guarding the same. This deponent upon his oath states that he was guarding the Frontiers of the Western Country for three or four years, and that he was one of the first settlers of the Western Country,

This deponent is in answer to the interrogatories put to him by the Court puts down the following (to wit) Answer I was born in Augusta County in the State of Virginia in the year 1763, Answer – I have no record of my age and have no other evidence than what my parents have told me, and I was a resident of the State of Kentucky Mercer County on Salt River. Answer. I enlisted, volunteered and was drafted, into the service of the United States, and I am now living in the State of Inda.[?] and after the war I lived [in] Kentucky until the year 1819 or 20 and that he has been living in the state of Indiana ever since, and he is now living in Hendricks County Indiana. Answer. My officers were General Clark, Major Wales, Colonel Benjamin Logan, Colonel Linn, Colonel Floid [sic, Floyd?] &c. Answer. I have no discharge and does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge from any of his officers and if so he has lost

the same.

And this deponent states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service as aforesaid and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services as aforesaid.

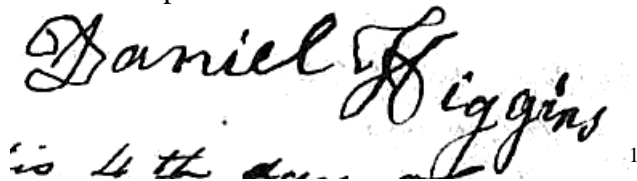
And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and this deponent declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state. And he further saith not &c. Sworn and subscribed the day and year first above written
S/ Daniel Higgans



[John Holland and Samuel Woods, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Hendricks County SS

Personally Appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Hendricks aforesaid Daniel Higgans who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For two years I served as an orderly Sergeant. For six months I served as an orderly Sergeant. For one year and six months I served as a private soldier and for such service I claim a pension.



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of May A.D. 1833

Wm Faught, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

¹ My guess is this is the actual signature of the veteran and that the other signature was written by the scribe who wrote the veteran's application.