

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Haynes S1910

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State of Tennessee County of Henry: SS

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting James Haynes a resident of the County of Henry and State of Tennessee aged seventy-two 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 1832 – That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – In July 1776 I think I volunteered under Captain William Leftwich – Ensign Saunders, Colonel James Calloway [also spelled James Callaway] and Colonel Lynch [Charles Lynch] was with us part of the time – I volunteered in Bedford County Virginia – we were stationed at the Lead Mines to protect them against the British, Tories and Indians, where we remained four months we volunteered for the trip – we were discharged at the Lead Mines by Captain Leftwich, and my discharge is lost –

I again volunteered up New River above the Lead Mines Virginia in September or October 1780 for one month, to suppress the Tories we traversed the Country up New River, Cripple Creek & v and took some Tories and put them in the guard house – we served under Captain Brison – at the expiration of the month we returned home – It is my impression that the Captain gave us a written discharge –

In May 1781 I volunteered in Henry County Virginia for three months under Captain Thomas Smith, Nathan Swanson Lieutenant, Colonel Tucker, General Lawson [Robert Lawson] – we found the Army at Prince Edward Court House the men with Captain Smith and Captain Cowden [perhaps James Cowden] being fractions of companies, the fractions were put together under the command of Captain Cowden, Nathan Swanson continued to be Lieutenant – from there we pursued Cornwallis and crossed James River at Carter's ferry – near Richmond we were formed in battle order expecting a fight with Cornwallis; but he eluded us – we followed him to old James Town on James River, where we had an engagement [probably the engagement at James Town Ford , July 6, 1781 or at Green Springs on the same date] with him, which lasted for several hours – a part only, of the Army was engaged – from there Cornwallis made his escape to Little York where he surrendered [October 19, 1781] – a short time before Cornwallis surrendered we were discharged by Major Jones – we remained in the service four months in consequence of a lack of men – I, after the taking of Cornwallis, removed to the frontier of Greenbrier County Virginia where I encountered the difficulties attendant on Indian warfare for several years. In 1793 I served nine months under Captain Caperton against the Indians in the New River country as a Spy – I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose

testimony I can procure who can testify to my service – I was 2nd Sergeant under Captain Cowden.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Bedford County Virginia in February 1760

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

I have the record of my age at my house in Henry County Tennessee.

3. Where were you living when called into Service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Bedford County Virginia when called into the service I lived in Greenbrier County Virginia 10 or 12 years after the war – from there I removed to Sumner County Tennessee – I then moved to Stewart County Tennessee, Montgomery adjoining Counties and from there to Henry County Tennessee where I have lived near 7 years – I now live in Henry County Tennessee.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom?

I volunteered on each occasion –

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service –

I have already spoken of (to wit) Captain William Leftwich, Ensign Saunders, Colonels Callaway and Lynch, Captain Brison, Captain Smith, Lieutenant Swanson, Colonel Tucker and Captain County, General Lawson & Lieutenant Richardson

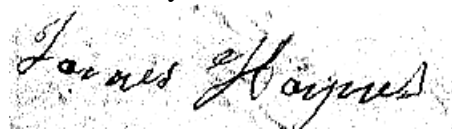
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I was discharged first by Captain Leftwich, then by Captain Brison and then by Major Jones I believe –

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

I refer for character &c to James C Gainer and James Greer

S/ James Haynes



[James C Gainer and James Greer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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