

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gaines S31687

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State of Georgia } S.S.

Elbert County }

On this the fifth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before James Olever Benjamin Smith & Dillard Herndon Justices of the Inferior Court in and for said County while sitting as a Court of Ordinary in and for Elbert County, William Gaines a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy five years who being duly sworn according to law, did on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by 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 That he volunteered into said Service at the commencement of the Revolutionary War under Captain Jones Commanded by Colonel Cole, served thirty days and was discharged, the exact time he does not recollect. Also that he entered the Army of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated,

That he Enlisted in the Army of the United States, under Captain [John] Marks in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty and joined his Regiment at Chesterfield Court House in the State of Virginia, marched from that place to Richmond Virginia, from Richmond back to Chesterfield Court House from thence to Albemarl Old Court House, where he was commanded by Colonel [Thomas] Gaskins and Major Polson [sic: John Poulson] marched from thence to Point of Fork [at the confluence of of James and Rivanna rivers], from thence across Roanoak [sic: Roanoke] River, from thence back across James River above Richmond, from that place joined General [Anthony] Wayne and Marquis De LaFayette, marched from that place to Birds on James River [Bird's Ordinary near Point of Fork], across James River to Cobham [about 14 Jun 1781], from Cobham to Richmond, from Richmond to Springfield, from Springfield to York Town in the State of Virginia, remained there until the British Army Commanded by Lord Cornwallis surrendered themselves prisoners of War [19 Oct 1781], from York Town after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to Old Cumberland Court House in the state of Virginia, and after serving in the Army Eighteen months was discharged at the last mentioned place, in the latter part of the year Seventeen hundred and eighty one [or] the first of the year seventeen hundred & eighty two exact date he does not Recollect, that he resided in Albemarle County state of Virginia when he Enlisted in the Army of the United States, and when he volunteered his services says that he was born in Albemarl County state of Virginia on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, says that he has a record of his age

Says that he resided in Albemarl County in the State of Virginia when he volunteered and Enlisted in the army of the United States, and lived in said state until he removed to the state of Georgia about forty years ago and have resided there ever since, and now resides there in Elbert County

Says he Volunteered and enlisted in the Army of the United States.

He says to the best of his recollection the names of some of the officers which he served under were, Barron Steuben [Baron von Steuben], Marquis De La Fayette, General Wayne, Colonel Gaskins, Major Polson, Captain Marks, Colonel Cole & Captain Jones.

He says that he received a Discharge in writing signed by Major Polson which said discharge has long since been either lost or destroyed and cannot tell where or what has become of it.

He 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.

The persons to whom I am known in my present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to my character

for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution are Col. David Dobb, Rev. Ja's.
Rily Hon. Wily Thompson

Sworn to and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid

William hisXmark Gains

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Wm
Gains/ age 22/ height 5 10½/ carpenter/ born and residing in Albemarle County/ brown hair, black eyes/
swarthy complexion/ enlisted 18 Sep 1780 for 18 months.