

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Richard Cains S35822

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Floyd County State of Kentucky

Richard Cains an old revolutionary soldier Sixty fore years of age State he Enlisted In the service of the United States against The common Enemy in the year 1779 (he thinks) under the command of Col. Moffitt was taken to Stantown [sic: Staunton VA], there rec'd. his bounty from Col Samson Mathews [sic: Sampson Matthews] he was under the command of Captain Adam Wallace the No. of his regiment he do not recollect States he was in the small skirmish at Monks Corner [probably skirmish at Leneud's Ferry on Santee River about 30 miles NE of Moncks Corner SC], that he was in the Battle at Blufords Defeat at the hanging rock South Carolina [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at Waxhaws about 12 miles N of Hanging Rock] where he was taken prisoner and received fore wounds one by a Bayonet through his arm one in his head and right reast [sic: wrist] boath by a sword, in a few days was peroled signed by Colo. Benjamin Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] States he Enlisted for Eighteen month and served about twelve month before taken a prisoner, some time after he returned home he rec'd. a Cirtificate of his Enlistment from Colo. Samson Mathews, by virtue of which he obtained an Honourable discharge he give the Cirtificate and Discharge to a Mr. Sincklere in Stantown to draw his soldiers pay he rec'd his pay but not his discharge, and from age and infirmity and the wound received and his reduced circumstance of property is not able to support himself and family By manual Labour and needeth the assistance of his country agreeably to an act of congress approv'd the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818. Richard hisXmark Cains

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Alexander Lackey being of Lawfull age personally appeared in open court and after being first Duly sworn Deposeeth that he has been acquainted with Richard Cains the within applicant for 10 or 12 years that he is a poor man much Debilitated that he has received wounds on his head right rist and on his arm that he is afflicted with the palsy complaint that he needeth the assistance of his country agreeably to an act of congress approved the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818

Alexander Lackey

This is to certify that Richard Cains who it appears is now and has been for many years a resident of Floyd County in the State of Kentucky, joined my detached Regiment in Virginia as a private soldier on continental establishment in the spring of the year 1779. that he marched to the south and continued with the Regiment until the latter part of May 1780 when that Regiment under my command was defeated at Waxsaws in South Carolina, where it appears from many sword wounds and other circumstances that he Richard Cains was badly wounded, from which wounds he has in a great measure lost the use of his right hand. He appears to be well entitled to a pension. From Waxsaws he Cains says he returned home to Augusta county Virginia and that he has never received any pension or compensation from his Country except his pay and depreciation. Given under my hand in Scott county state of Kentucky, this 14<sup>th</sup> day December, A.D. 1818 A Buford late Col 11<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't.