

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Mains¹ S38163

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[This application is badly water stained and some of the text is very difficult to make out]

Georgia Wilkinson County: Personally appeared before the Honorable Inferior Court for said County -- it being a court of record -- Samuel Mains a resident of said County aged sixty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Samuel Mains enlisted for the term of six months on the __ day of __ about the year 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. James Blount, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Howe [Robert Howe]-- in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the United States Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until the expiration of the said six months, when he was discharged from the said service in Eadonton [sic, Edenton?] in the said State of North Carolina - - That he also enlisted for the term of two years & six months on the __ day of __ in the year 1776 or 1777 in the State of North Carolina -- in the company commanded by Capt. Dennis Do[obliterated by water stain, but the officer was very probably Dennis Dauge] -- that he continued to serve in said company for nine months only when he was discharged by enlisting for a longer term of three years in said state of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. John Jarvis in 10th Regiment of the line of North Carolina troops on the United States Continental establishment -- commanded by Col. Abraham Shepherd -- that he continued to serve in said corps until the __ day of __ in the year 1780 when he was taken prisoner in Charleston in the State of South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and there remained until he obtained a parole from the commanding officer as an invalid and never obtained a regular discharge from said corps -- That he was in the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at a place called the Great bridge [December 9, 1776] in the State of Virginia -- and at Charleston in South Carolina -- and that he has no other evidence now in his possession by which to prove his said services -- except by this his on oath.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court July the 7th 1823 --

S/ Samuel Mains, X his mark

I Samuel Mains do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring

¹ J. D. Lewis indicates this veteran's surname was stated variously as Mahans and/or Maines

myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed -- That I am by occupation a farmer but not able to pursue it from old age & infirmity -- That I have a wife who is also very infirm -- also children, but none living with me, That I am in such indigent circumstances as not to be able to support myself without the aid of Government -- unless by public or private charity –

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court it being the honorable Inferior Court for the County of Wilkinson & State of Georgia Also a court of record –

S/ Samuel Mains, X his mark

July 7th 1823

S/ Merritt Etheridge, JIC

Schedule of Samuel Mains property

one tract of land in the County of Appling	\$25.00
one horse, saddle & bridle	40.00
notes for about \$140	<u>140.00</u>
	\$205.00

Declarant has no other property except his wearing apparel

Test: S/ Merritt Etheridge, JIC

S/ Samuel Mains, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 4th of August 1823

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that Samuel Mahans a Sergt. in Capt. Jarvis's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in the 12 of May 1777 for 3 years, that he was made a Corporal on the __ day of June 1778, and that nothing more is said of him on said Rolls.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 7, 1823, for service as a corporal in the North Carolina Continental line for 3 years.]