

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gisborn (Gisborne) Lain (Lane) S4496

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 26 day of September 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilson and State aforesaid, Gisborn Lain a Resident of the County and State aforesaid Aged seventy-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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 as a volunteer under Captain George Durancorpio [?]¹ from Prince Ann [Princess Anne?] County Virginia and marched to Portsmouth where as well as I recollect I was mustered into service by adjutant McCulloch, Colonel John Wilson were present. (This was about the time the Garrison was first Established at Portsmouth) We were stationed there to prevent the British from landing. Colonel Meredith with some Regulars were stationed at Portsmouth manage the artillery. This was about 25 or 30 miles from my place of residence and I was frequently suffered to go home to my family. And when I was wanted, I was notified by a Sergeant or Corporal to return to the Fort. I lived in the lower part of Norfolk County adjoining Prince Ann. I was in no battles we had sometimes had routes after the Tories. I was in actual service about six or seven months in all. And they sometimes had me at the Lighthouse the Salt-house Great bridge & Black water bridge. There was a Captain Jinnings with the Regulars & Joshua were Grimes. There was a Captain Spence West & Caitor Mulder Lieutenant. He hereby 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. I served to the end of the War but I have no discharge. Nor documentary evidence by which I can prove my services. I removed from Norfolk County Virginia to Halifax County North Carolina where I lived until 1815 when I removed to the State of Tennessee Wilson where I have lived ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed this 26 day of September 1832

S/ Gisborne Laine, X his mark

[Joshua Woollen, a clergyman, and James Gray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia service.]

George Durancorpio
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