

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Cain Va26 ¹

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[Note: The following record evidently only appears in the County Court records of Greensville County, VA. Will Graves could find no evidence that the application was ever filed with the War Department or the Commissioner of Pension's office in Washington. Why this would be the case is unknown. If anyone has a digital image of this document, I [Will Graves] would welcome seeing it to determine if I could decipher the missing text.]

State of Virginia, Greensville County, sat on this sixth day of May 1833 personally in open Court before Henry Wyche, Drewy Matthews, Simon B. Sykes and John J. Hinton, the Court of the County of Greensville now sitting, George Cain a resident of the said County of Greensville and State of Virginia aged seventy.... years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on this 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 that is to say he went as a private in a militia Company from Brunswick County commanded either by Capt. William Batte or Capt. John Maclin he thinks in this particular tour it was the former Capt. Batte this was soon after he was Eighteen years old and before the taking of Norfolk and he thinks twelve or eighteen months after the war commenced he does not recollect the name of the field officer nor the month or year he entered the service nor the precise time he left it in the Town of Portsmouth Virginia. he was afterward called out in the militia on a six weeks tour which he served and was stationed at Chuckatuck in Nansemond County the greater part of the time. At this time he thinks he was commanded by Capt. John Maclin he does not recollect the Regt or field officer to which he was attached or commanded. He was called out another tour but cannot recollect whether for six or twelve weeks. he had previous to this time taken the place of his brother Mastin Cain who at the beginning of this his third tour paid back in his turn the time he had served previously for him this service was at or near the town of Petersburg and he was to have joined the army at that place the day the battle was fought there but was driven by the circumstances after battle to cross the Appomattox river some miles or thereabout above Petersburg [April 25th, 1781] and join the army the next day at Chesterfield Court House the Corp crossed James River and went to Wilton where he stayed a considerable time and at this time Lafayette joined the Court to which he was attached with two Thousand men. he was called out a fourth time in the militia and was stationed at Surry old Court House 8until he was taken sic and obtained a furlough. he cannot recollect the length of this tour nor is he sure but thinks and believes it was Capt. Turner Bynum as Capt. afterwards Major Thos Cocke [Thomas Cocke] he stated back as soon as his health was sufficiently restored for service and joined the army at Richmond the day after Wallaces [Cornwallis's] surrender at Yorktown [October 17, 1781]. His sickness continued several weeks on his return however and report to.... the officer in command Capt. Benj Blunt [Benjamin Blunt]. he was discharged and....he supposes he lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot exhibit it nor has he any documentary evidence and from the lapse of time of his aged infirmity he can add nothing further upon his own knowledge of the... or concerning officers to whose corps he was variously attached he was in no engagement he... .. claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid.

Greensville County Sct. This day John Goodrum... a resident of the said County personally

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appeared before me John J. Hinton a Justice for the said County and made oath that he believes that George Cain of the said County is seventy five years old or thereabouts that he knows that the same George Cain was in the militia and went from the then county of Brunswick and he believes with Capt. John Maclin that the company to which the said Cain was attached marched from Brunswick thru Surry [Surry] and crossed James River at the Ferry called Cobham went to Williamsburg, Little York and Hampton to Portsmouth Virginia where they were stationed a considerable time that he was at that time attached to the army the not in the same company that he believes the said Cain was called out again probably several times but this applicant cannot tell how long he served in any or either of the tours but that he has known the said Cain from his boyhood having resided near him and mostly in the said County of Greenville ever since the revolutionary war that he believes the said Cain is a man of irreproachable character for integrity and truth given under my hand and seal this fourth day March one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. John Goodrum². (J. J. Hinton JP)

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