

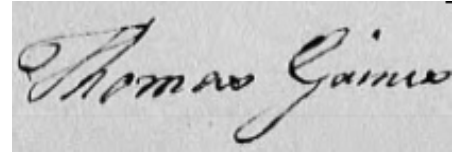
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Gaines W11048 Catharine L. Gaines VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 20 Feb 2020.

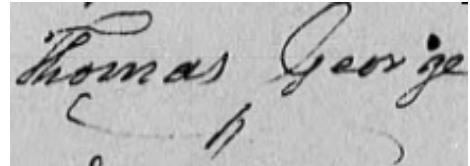
State of Kentucky Green county Sct

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge, of the Green circuit court now sitting Thomas Gaines a resident of said county and state aforesaid aged 73 years the 7th day of July last past, 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 of the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Virginia in September 17th in the year 1777 under Captain Henry Quarles [R17253], in the redgiment commanded by Col Thomas Marshall [VAS494] of Fauquier [sic: Fauquier] county state of Virginia, which was a regiment of artillery; that he enlisted as a bombardier in the artillery regiment, which commission in the artillery is of the same rank as a sergeant in the infantry. The term of the enlistment was for three years. The said Regiment was on the state line establishment in the army of the revolution in that war as he understood, that he served part of his enlistment as aforesaid as bombardier & the rest as a sergent major — he served the full time of three years out & was discharged in Richmond Virginia, in the year 1780 as well as he recollected on the 11th day of October — after about 18 months of the term of the enlistment of the said Regiment had expired, which had been spent in the garrisons at Norfolk, Hampton, Portsmouth & York, a proposition was then made, for the regiment to march to the south which was agreed to, and the regiment accordingly marched to the South; about this time several of the officers of the regiment resigned, Capt Quarles who had commanded the company in which he served resigned and Captain Thomas Marshall [R16057] succeeded him, Marshall had previously been a lieutenant. The Colonel also resigned & Maj'r Mathews [Thomas Mathews W17076 and R16019] resigned, as well as several other officers — and Elias Edmonds [VAS2004] who had been first captain of the redgement, was appointed Colonel in the place of Marshall, Mooter [sic: George Muter VAS803] who had been Lieutenant Colonel to the Regiment resigned also, & who succeeded him he does not recollect, the major who was appointed to succeed Mathews was, Captain Mazret [sic: John Mazarett R16059], he and Edmonds went with the ridgment to the south, but no Lieutenant colonel went with this ridgment — while in the South this regiment was in the battle of Campden [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] at which [Gen. Horatio] Gates was defeated. That while in the South he was also in the said action & was in a brigade united with the Maryland line. Baron DeCalb [sic: Baron De Kalb] was one of the brigadeer Generals and General [William] Smallwood was another — at Richmond when he was discharged he obtained a written discharge but has lost the discharge — after he was discharged from the redgment of Artillery, and had remained at home from October till January ending he with Captain William Morton raised a company of volunteers to aid General [Nathanael] Green in defending the south from the British, which company said Wm Morton commanded, as captain and he commanded in said company as lieutenant, the company joined a redgment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Cooke [sic: Nathaniel Cocke R13415] and marched on to Guildford courthouse in North Carolina, where he was engaged in said action with his company [15 Mar 1781], and was also in a Skirmish at Alamance — in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, this company served & he with them the whole term for two months, and was discharged at Cape Fear in north Carolina — in said company he had no other commission than a written commission from the Colonel of the county, who was Thomas Reid [Thomas Read], at the time he entered the service on each of these occasions he resided in Charlotte county Virginia. The commission he has lost or mislaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity of any kind whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, sworn to & subscribed as above stated. The said Thomas Gaines also stated that according to the best of his information from his parents he was born in Hanover county state of Virginia on the 7th day of July 1759 — that he continued to live in the state of Virginia until

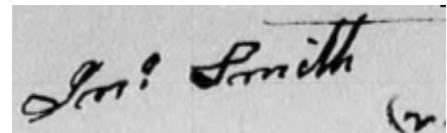
he removed to Kentucky in the year 1817 in the month of December & settled in Green county where he has continued to reside since

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Gaines".

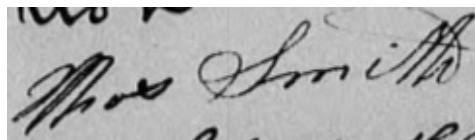
On this 23rd day of August 1832 Thomas George [S16821] a citizen and resident of Oldham County and state aforesaid came into the circuit court of Green county & state of Kentucky in open court, and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he is well acquainted with Thomas Gaines who has signed the above declaration, and that while he lived in the state of Virginia during the american revolution, his father & the father of s'd. Thomas Gaines lived near neighbours, & both he & the said Thomas were young men & well acquainted with each other, he was not himself in the service of the united states in the army of the revolution, at the time said Gaines served in the artillery regiment commanded by Col Marshall but at the time it was generally stated in the neighbourhood that he was in the army and in the regiment he has stated, he served in, he has no doubt himself that he served as he has stated in his declaration above. He remembers the time he returned home, was about the time said Gaines has stated — he states further that he himself volunteered & served in Capt Walkers [Sylvanus Walker] company to the south, at the time Thomas Gaines served in the company as Lieutenant commanded by Captain Wm Morton. The company that he served in met with & joined Mortons company at Dobbin's (called the Red house) in Caswell County north Carolina, from thence they marched together to Guilford courthouse and both said Gaines & himself were in the battle at Guilford, & he knows that said Gaines in that engagement commanded a platoon as Lieutenant – he saw Lieutenant Gaines, after some thirty or forty of his men had retreated from the scene of the battle, attempting to rally them & did rally them to the fight, that at this moment he was near Lieut. Gaines & clapped him on the shoulder & said to him that he would stick to him as long as there was a pea in the dish – he continued to serve with Lieut. Gaines until a short time before he states he was discharged. This said George was discharged, in South Carolina immediately after the Battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] he thinks in the district of 96 [sic], in September 1781.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas George".

Personally appeared in open court in the Green circuit court holden for Green county Kentucky on this 23rd day of august 1832 John Smith [X740] a resident citizen of Green county who being sworn doth on his oath make the following statement in relation to the services performed by the above named Thomas Gaines – towit, That in the year 1779 in the month of november he belonged to the light horse in [Col. Thomas] Nelson's Corps and he together with some fifteen of the other soldiers was sent down to Little York Virginia for the purpose of taking some deserters & on reaching the said town of little York the said Smith states that he learned that s'd. Thomas Gaines with Marshall's regiment of artillery were stationed there, and being well acquainted with said Gaines he went to the encampment and staid all night in the camp with said Gaines. the said Smith states that said Gaines was equiped at that time as the rest of the army was.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Smith".

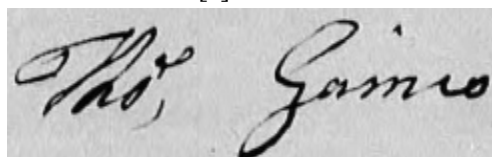
On this 23rd day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Circuit Court holden for Green county Kentucky Thomas Smith [S11430] a resident citizen of said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make a statement as follows in relation to the services rendered by the applicant Thomas Gaines (towit) he the said Thomas Smith was a soldier in the army of the revolution and whilst in the service during the year 1780 the time of the year not recollected he states that in his marching through the country he does not recollect even in what state he met with Col ~~Thomas Marshall's~~ Elias Edmunds Regiment of Virginia artilery and being well acquainted with the applicant Thomas Gaines, he went in to the regiment & saw said Gaines who after spending some time with him in conversation he went and shewed him his cannon



State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

The affidavit of Thomas Gaines of Green County Kentucky taken before William B Allen Esqr a justice of the peace for said county, in addition to his declaration heretofore made and forwarded to the of the Secretary of War, under the act of congress of the 7th day of June 1832, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, makes the following additional statements to his former declaration. That he served in colonel Marshalls redgment of artilery as bombardier, until the redgment marched to the south, which was, as well as his memory now serves him two years, the balance of the term of his enlistment he served as sergeant major to said redgment, which was one year, the whole term of his enlistment being three years. While in said redgment, he made out the pay rolls, and kept a orderly book, which he has suffered to be destroyed, and he recollects the pay of the soldiers in said redgment was two shillings per day, the gunners received what[?] was their lawful pay two shillings and six pence The bombardiers, which was his commission first held, were paid & received as their legal pay, fifty cents per day; to each company in said redgment there were four bombardiers, and one sergent, who was & acted as the orderly sergent to the company his pay was seventy five cents per day, to the best of his recollection and it his his recollection, that as sergent major he received the pay of the orderly sergent, which was seventy five cents per day — at the time the Redgment was raised by an act of the Virginia Legislature, the continental paper (with which the troops were paid) was considerably depreciated. The said Gaines also states that he had a record of his age at home which he had taken from his fathers record, and according to that he was born on the 7th of July 1759. He is acquainted with a number of persons in his neighbourhood & county who can testify as to his character for veracity & the tradition of the neighbourhood as to his services in the american revolution and amongst them he would name Capt Wm Hahn & Thomas S Tolloss[?]

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th day of April 1833



[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with Gahagan, John.]

These are to Certify that Thos. Gaines formerly Sergeant in Colo Marshall Regiment of artilery having truly and faithfully served the time of three years the time for which he was inlisted is hereby Discharged from any further service in the army of the United States and [several illegible words] return to to his home free and unmolested given under my hand this [undeciphered] Day of September 178[last digit missing]

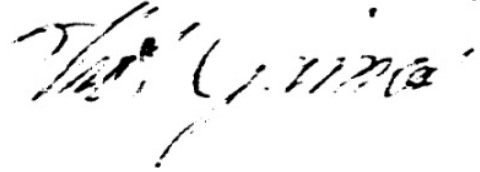
J. Williams Capt. [John Williams R19105]

Copy J. Pendleton jr

Artillery

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Gains, Thomas.]

I Thomas Gaines of the County of Green & State of Kentucky, do on oath declare, that in September 1777 I enlisted [illegible] Sergeant into Capt Henry Quarles Company of the Virginia State Artillery [several undeciphered words] Col. Thomas Marshalls Regiment in the Revolutionary War, & to serve for three years. The [several undeciphered words] Continental establishment & [undeciphered word] to the Southward where I served out the said three years as a Seargeant & was [undeciphered] discharged but which discharge [undeciphered] in the Auditor's Office, [several undeciphered words] I settled my account for [several undeciphered words] the balance for my [several undeciphered words] application for my bounty land [several undeciphered words] sold or [several undeciphered words] [25 illegible month 1818]



Having served in the late Colo Thomas Marshalls Regiment of Virginia State Artillery, in the years 1778 1779 & 1780, I recollect Sergeant Thomas Gains belonging to Captain Henry Quarles Company in said Regiment. But not accompanying that part of the regiment which marched to the Southward. I know nothing of said Gains subsequent to that period. The regiment aforesaid was raised for three years service; I entered it as a cadet, and was promoted to the office of Captain Lieutenant, which Commission I held at the time the Regement was dissolved.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name this 18th Oct'r 1818

H. Marshall [Humphrey Marshall S31234]



NOTE: On 14 March 1853 Catharine L. Gaines, 52, applied for a pension stating that as Catharine L. Pentecost she married Thomas Gaines in Green County on 22 Jan 1832, and he died on 28 Jan 1844. She also stated that she was "in bad health." Mary J. and Edward G. Poor certified that the marriage was performed by John Howe, a Presbyterian preacher. The file includes a copy of the marriage bond listing Peter B. Atwood as surety, and also a copy of the marriage return.