

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Haney W11258

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State of Kentucky Floyd County Sct

At a court continued and held for Floyd County at the courthouse in prestonsburg on Tuesday the 23rd day of May 1826

William Haney produced in open court the following Declaration and Schedule in order to obtain a pension as an old Revolutionary Soldier which is as followeth to wit.

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On this 23rd day of May 1826 personally appeared in open court, this being a court of record it being made so by the laws of this state and it being solemnly adjudged to be such by the other tribunals of this state William Haney a resident in said County aged 68 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and May the 1st 1820. that he the said William Haney enlisted for the term of Eighteen months on or about the 1st day of May in the year 1780 in Campbell County [sic: formed from Bedford County in 1782] in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Bowyer in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Campbell in the line of the state of Virginia Infantry on continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until about the first of November 1781 when he was discharged from said service at hillsborough in the state of North Carolina by Col Campbell [see note below], that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present. that his name is not on the roll of any state except Kentucky and that the following are the reasons for not making an Earlier application for a pension (to wit) I had lost my discharge and always lived in a Backwoods part of the country where people told me I could not get a pension without I had my discharge and I never went to court nor never inquired much further concerning the subject as I thought as long as I was able to support myself in any way by my labour I did not want to become a public charge to my country, and in persuance of the act of 1st May 1820 I 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 to wit.

One cow and calf worth	\$10
one old sow and 5 shoats worth	\$10
one old mare worth not more than	\$20

William Haney

The following changes has been made in my property since the 18th day of March 1818 as fare as I recollect at this time I had three head of cattle and one horse, the horse died and from these cattle I raised the cow above mentioned and some others that I killed for beef which I believe is all the changes that has taken place in my property more that I have raised a small crop of corn every year which I made use of for bread and to feeding horse and cow &c and to pay the rent I give for the land I live on. my occupation is that of a farmer but I am too old to persue it my family consists of my wife named Sally aged 52 years and one child named William aged 3 years. [Certified by Anthony Hall (pension application W1764) and Silas P. Wooton (S40730).]

Commonwealth of Kentucky June 25th 1840

Sir As an officer conducting an important branch of the General government as regards its fiscal concerns, you are addressed for the purpose only of doing Justice to a department of our government already abused by its too liberal extension of favors to those who are not deserving. I mean not that the department has extended its privilege, but I am fully aware that persons

claiming under that act (the Pension act of different acts) have taken advantage & do draw money who are not entitled & who never served their Country & who were the dupes of Certain Individuals, who were paid for their council & interference[?] In one district (of some ten miles square) probably the names of Ward Haney & Hardwick may be found among those not entitled according to law but have come forward at the solicitation of others a letter addressed to Henry Burgess Esqr. Mr James Shannon William Davis Rafas M. Stafford or E. J. Lane at post master (George Creek Lawrence County Kentucky) will satisfy you that fraud is afloat we depend on you to correct the evil untill which time our pen shall lie still[?] if however it should not be corrected we will remonstrate petition & protest In Public untill we can have a hearing. having every confidence in your willingness to detect fraud as also of the administration generally as relates to matters of this kind Believe us truly friends of Equal Justice

NOTES:

The only known Col. Campbell of the Virginia Continental Line was Richard Campbell, who was killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs SC on 8 Sep 1781 and therefore could not personally have discharged Haney in the following November. A Capt. Thomas Bowyer was in Campbell's Brigade at that battle.

On 20 Jan 1855 in Lawrence County KY Elizabeth Haney, 75, applied for a pension and bounty land stating that as Elizabeth Auxier she married William Haney on 15 July 1835, and he died in Lawrence County 18 Sep 1853. The file contains a copy of the marriage licence dated 13 Jul 1835.