

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ambrose Gaines W224                      Mary Gaines (Gains)    VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee    }  
Sullivan County        }   September Term 1832

On this 26th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court being the Circuit Court of Sullivan County holden by the Honorable Edward Scott one of the Judges of the State of Tennessee for said County Ambrose Gains a resident citizen of said County aged sixty 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 act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated towit

He entered the Service of the United States as a substitute for his father Robert Gains [Robert Gaines] who was drafted in Augusta County Virginia and Capt Lewis as he now believes commanded the Company in which he served Robert Gains the father of this applicant was drafted for three months and this applicant substituted for him and served his tour and was discharged by written discharge

This applicant states that he was marched from Augusta County Virginia to the lower parts of Virginia against the British Stationed for some time between Richmond and Norfolk where he lay a month or more of the time as he believes He cannot now remember the name of the Officer who commanded station at which the troops lay but he well remembers the troops were encamped on James River between Richmond and Norfolk The campaign was as he believes in the fall of 1780 On this campaign he was rendezvoused at Staunton and put under strange officers who he never before knew nor has he since known them which he believes is the reason he cannot now name them. He was not in any battle on that campaign

He states that the next campaign he went was as well as he recollects in the Winter of 1780 or 1781 when he volunteered under Captain John Oliver to go to North Carolina where he joined Gen'l Greenes [Nathanael Greene's] Army and was attached to Colo William Campbells Regiment and was in the Rifle Company at the battle of Gilford [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and had the gratification to share in the plaudits of the commanding Officer Gen'l Greene for having acted well his part in the battle and was discharged after the Battle by Colo Campbell himself He believes he entered the service on the Campain for three months and cannot now say how long he served but believes it was either three months or near that time And that of belief he is more confident from two circumstances towit It was afterwards accounted to him as a tour of duty, and because Gilford Courthouse was he believes more than two hundred miles from where he started

The third Tour of duty he performed he was drafted to serve three months against L'd Cornwallaces [sic: Lord Cornwallis's] Army in Virginia and was ordered by Colo Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] the Commandant of Augusta County Virginia to the sene of action he was permitted to ride to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County and then marched on foot to the Army and was in Gen'l Mulinburghs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade and joined the army at Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County] above old James Town his Major William Long but the other office[rs] he cannot now remember he marched and was stationed for some time at Burrels Mills [Burwell's Mill] which mills as well as he can now remember are the half way place between Williamsburgh and York [sic: Williamsburg and Yorktown] and during the seige of Ld Cornwallace [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] he was at the place and in the seige until a few days before the surrender of Corn Wallace when this applicant was sent to the Hospital on account of being sick with the ague and fever and not many days after he left the seige Cornwallace surrendered whilst he lay sick at the hospital he was attended to by Dr Ramsay

He received a discharged handed him by Dr Ramsay signed by his Colonel whilst in the Hospital but the same and his other discharges are lost long since After he was drafted to serve against Cornwallace and had march and joined the Army his father Robt Gains was also drafted for the same

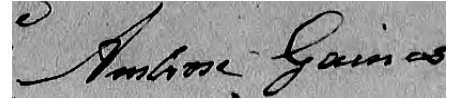
service and came on to the Army and was at the seige and surrender of Cornwallace and his Colonel was Samuel Vance

he served three tours of duty and believes he served nine months or near that time and at all events can state that in all he must have served more than six months

He has no documentary evidence to prove his service and he has not any Witnesses to prove his service except the affidavits of [blank] and [blank] hereto annexed And he hereby relinquises every claim to a pension whatever except the present and declares that his not on the pension roll of any state or its agency

At the Seige of York he was on Picked Gard [picket or piquet guard] and there saw Gen'l Washington for the first time and never saw him after the seige

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the date above

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ambrose Gaines". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

NOTE:

On 10 April 1844 Mary Gains (as she signed), aged 73 on the following December 26, applied for a pension stating that she married Ambrose Gaines on 9 June 1792, and he died on 12 Jan 1840. On 14 Feb 1849 Mary Gaines (as she then signed) stated that they were married in Stokes County NC and moved to Sullivan County a few days afterward, and that her husband died on 11 Jan 1839. A Treasury-Department document gives the date of death as 12 Jan 1840. The file contains part of an original family record transcribed below.

MARRIAGES.

Ambrose Gaines and Mary his wife was married June 9<sup>th</sup> 1792

Letitia Childres was married Septm'r 14<sup>th</sup> 1812

Judith McHenry was married November 17<sup>th</sup>

Mildret Vincent was married Feb'y 13<sup>th</sup> 1818

Maria Worldly was married Septm'r 9<sup>th</sup> 1824

Louisa Brown was married Oct'r 10<sup>th</sup> 1829

Mat M. Gaines was married 11<sup>th</sup> Nov'r 1830

Sam'l D. Gaines was married the on the 7<sup>th</sup>[?] Septem [year missing or illegible]

BIRTHS.

Samuel D. Gaines was Born October 19<sup>th</sup> 1811

Sarah E Gaines was Borne Dec 2<sup>th</sup> 1813

Sarah E Ganes

Francis Henry Ganes was Bourne No 24<sup>th</sup> 1822