

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Hines W294

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State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward Sc. On this 13th day of October 1832, personally appeared before me Asa Dupuy a justice of the peace in the County aforesaid, William Hines senr. a resident of this County, aged seventy eight 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Ziz, He volunteered as a minute man from the County of King & Queen [King and Queen] under Capt William Richards and Lieutenant Campbell (thinks his name was Hugh Campbell) but is not able to state what year it was; marched under the Command of Captain Richards to Gloucester town, about the time Lord Dunmore with his troops lay near Gwinns Island [Gwynn Island, May - 11 Jul 1776], was himself at that Island on a visit (by permission of his commanding officer) while the battle was going on between the American troops and Lord Dunmores troops [8-10 Jul], but took no part in the action, he was in no engagement with the enemy during this tour, remained in the service about two months, then hired his brother John Hines as a substitute to serve the balance of his term of service, and returned home; does not recollect the names of any regular or other field officers, tho' some were present a part of the time. After the above service went to the Western part of Virginia (now Kentucky) to Higgins' station about two miles from the Shawnee springs and three miles from Harrardsburg [sic: Harrodsburg], went out there in the month of March 1780 with a view of settling in that country (does not think it was then laid off into counties) and he remained there untill July of the same year, when there was a draft for men to go against the Indians, he volunteered to go, leaving only two old men at the station, marched to the falls of the Ohio [at present Louisville] in a Company commanded by Capt Hugh Megaree [sic: Hugh McGary], where where he joined Gen George Rodgers Clark [sic: George Rogers Clark], and in a few few days marched up the Ohio river (in advance of Gen Clark) in pursuit of Indians [Mar 1779], about the eighth day Gen Clark came up the river in boats and passed our Company, getting ashore on the opposite side of the river, while in sight of Gen. Clark, our Company was attacked by the Indians, and in the Engagement he William Hynes was severely wounded, by two balls, which broke both bones of his right arm below the elbow, the next day was with the other wounded sent back by Gen. Clark to the falls of the Ohio, where he lay under a Surgeon from July to December, before he was able to travel, some time in December returned to Higgins station; does not think he had any regular written discharge; in this tour incamped with Gen Clark only one night. does not recollect the names of any other field officers, The winter after this tour returned to King and Queen and was never after able to perform service during the War, his arm and hand now very much crippled, not able to straitin arm or fingers, this Tour from the time he volunteered untill he returned home was about five or six months; Went to see Gen Clark after he returned from the Indian Wars, was told by him he would take the necessary steps to have a pension allowed to him (Hines), about this time removed to the County of Prince Edward, does not now recollect what steps were taken to obtain a pension, but one was allowed and he drew it at Richmond Virginia he thinks about the year 1784 or 1785, and continued to draw it he thinks only two years, being some distance from Richmond, and finding troublesome to get, did not apply for it longer; being illiterate neither able to read or write, is unable to give so minute an account of circumstances as he could wish, but refers to the record of the state of Virginia to prove about his pension, as he supposes it was paid by the state government. The services actually performed by him in person was in the first tour about two months, and in the second tour about five or six months, and he hired a substitute to fill up the balance of his first tour, the length of time not recollected, Knows no person now living by whom he can prove his services rendered.

To question propounded to him he answered as follows.

1st. I was born in Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] County Va. 18th June 1754; has no record of his age, it was recorded in a common prayer book which his brother carried to Kentucky.

Lived in the County of King & Queen when first called into service, the second time volunteered while living at Higgins station, (at that time the Western part of Virginia), went back to King & Queen County and one year lived in King William County, have lived in the County of Prince Edward ever since about the year 1784 or 1785.

Volunteered both tours that he served, never was a substitute during the tours above discribed, but was a substitute about one month at another time for Wm. Sterling in the Minute service. served the month at Gloucester town Virginia.

Has stated the names of all of the regular officers recollected, Gen Clark the only one recollected.

Never received a written discharge that he recollects.

Is known in his present neighbourhood by John Redd Senr, Joseph Redd, John W. Redd, Littlebury Watson, Albert Green, William F Scott, Asa Dupuy.

He 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, or (if any only on that of the agency of the state of Virginia)

William hisXmark Hines senr.

NOTE: On 7 June 1853 Sally Hines, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married William Hines on 21 Dec 1809, and he died on 10 Sep 1835. The file contains a copy of the following marriage record: William Hines and Sally Fears on 21 Dec 1809 solemnized by Rev. Matthew Lyle.