

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cain W3510

Susannah (Susan) Cain

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Indiana Wayne County} SS: On this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Charles H Teat President Judge of the 6th judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana and Beale Butler and Asa M. Sherman Esquires Associate Judges of the Wayne Circuit Court John Cain a resident of said County of Wayne in State of Indiana aged seventy-one years on the 22nd of June 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the spring of the year 1776 or 1777 he, the said John Cain, being then a resident of Union County (or district) in the State of South Carolina served as a private volunteer in a Company of militia commanded by Captain Joshua Palmer, Lieutenant Joseph Jolly Ensign not recollected which Company started to march to Augustine [St. Augustine] on the frontiers of Georgia, and marched as far as the St. Mary's River, this Company was at that time attached to a division of militia commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] which engaged to serve for a tour of three months, but this deponent served before being discharged nearly four months. In about 2 or 3 weeks after returning home from this tour he started again and served as a volunteer two weeks against the Indians living near the Blue Bridge under Captain William Fair [William Farr] Lieutenant William Giles, this detachment consisted of two or three hundred men and was commanded by Colonel Thomas [John Thomas]. Again this deponent subsequently served another three months tour at the battle of Stonough [Stono June 20, 1779¹] in a Company of militia commanded by Captain Joshua Palmer, Lieutenant William Giles as well as he now recollects. This company was attacked [attached] to other Companies of both militia & Regulars forming a detachment of several hundred men. From the time of the last mentioned battle (Stonough) he served frequently for a number of small tours of 2 and 3 weeks (and sometimes longer) at a time, making in the whole of constant service during the time from the aforesaid battle of Stonough until entering upon the tour of service next herein after mentioned at least fifteen *months of actual service, during the whole of which time he served as a militia man sometimes as a volunteer, sometimes was drafted and sometimes went as a substitute in the place²* of his father and was for the most of the time attached to a company commanded by Captain William Fair who was promoted to a Colonel before the Close of the War, but was frequently under the command of other officers whose names are not now recollected. And finally he served a 3 month tour under a Captain whose

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² Text in italics found only on the Ancestry.com version of this application

name is not recollected in a Battalion of militia under the command of Major Benjamin Jolly at the time of the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and was discharged at the expiration of said Tour soon after the battle of the Eutaw Springs at which engagement General Green [Nathanael Greene] was the Commanding officer.

Said applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services and that he knows of no person living within his reach by whose evidence he can substantiate the same.

Said applicant hereby 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Cain, X his mark

[Joseph Tarkington, a clergyman, and Joshua Ballanger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
Questions by the Court

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In North Carolina June 22nd 1760

Quest. 2nd Have you *any record of your age and if so where is it?*

Ans. *I have at home taken down by my father.*

Quest. 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In South Carolina Union County. I continued to reside in South Carolina until about 23 or 24 years since. I left and came to Ohio, where I lived near 9 years and have since lived in this (Wayne) County.

Quest. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. At the first I was drafted, my father convince them that I was not of age and I was released, but before I left the ground I volunteered with many other young men, at other times afterwards I was drafted, and in some instances served as a substitute for my father.

Quest. 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I was shifted so often from one Company to another that I cannot recollect half of the officers I served under. I was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs and well remember our General was Green, at this battle Major Benjamin Jolly was my principal regimental officers. I think we had no Colonel. I can also recollect Colonel Washington [William Washington] at that battle. I saw him taken prisoner by the British, his horse was shot down in the old fields as they were called and he was taken. General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] I recollect was wounded also in this battle, a ball the force of which was nearly spent struck him in the breast and lodged. I saw the ball taken out, but he did not fall off his horse. As to the circumstances of my service, I was drafted and released and then volunteered as above stated. I cannot recollect the precise time I served but it was certainly 3 or 4 years altogether or more. I volunteered 3 weeks against the Indians under Captain Fair. I was but a short time then at home, but stood ready to serve at any time when called upon, my father was opposed to war, and when he was drafted I would still supply his place as a substitute through the whole war I was in the service though sometimes at home when my services were not particularly required, though I was prevented on account of my service from raising a crop during the continuance of the War. I think I might say with safety that out of the seven years, *I was in actual service four years this however is near guessing. I am*

not certain enough of it to swear it.

Quest. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I never received a written discharge.

Quest. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I see none now in court but David Hoover and Joshua Ballanger.

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State of Indiana Wayne County } SS: Be it remembered that on this 11th day of May 1833 personally came before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Wayne in State of Indiana John Cain aged seventy-one years who being duly sworn in due form of law deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades to wit: I entered the service in the year 1776 under Captain Joshua Palmer as a private volunteer for a tour of 3 months and served a tour of 4 months before I was discharged. Next I served a tour of one month as a private volunteer soldier under Captain Fair afterwards I was drafted & served a tour of 3 months under Captain Joshua Palmer as a private militia man. After this I was drafted for 6 months and served as a private militia man under Captain Hughs [probably a reference to Captain Joseph Hughes] a tour of 6 months. I next served as a private Soldier a tour of 3 months at Brandon's Station in South Carolina on fair forest River as a private soldier where Captain Woodson [probably James Woodson] most usually commanded. Afterwards served at the same Stationed as a private soldier another 3 months tour. I was afterwards drafted for 3 months tour and served for one month as a private soldier under Captain Jolly, afterwards I served as a private militia man under Major Jolly a tour of 4 months. After this I served a tour as a private volunteer under General Brannon [probably a reference to Thomas Brandon] in Captain Hughs Company a tour of 6 weeks. In addition to the above tours as specifically set out, I served a number of other short tours of 2 and 3 weeks at a time under different officers, and always as a private soldier, which small tours would amount in the aggregate to not less than 6 months of actual service, making in all of actual and specific tours 26 1/2 months, and 6 months in the small tours in to to 2 years, 8 months and a half but this deponent *states positively that he served during the revolutionary War as a private Soldier for more than 3 years of actual and active service and for such services he says he claims a pension. And prays that this deposition may be attached to his declaration heretofore made in Open Court and made a part of the same which is done.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of May 1833

S/ Wm M. Dunham, JP

S/ John Cain, X his mark

[p 10: On January 4, 1854 in Wayne County Indiana, John H Cain, a resident of said County filed a claim on behalf of Susannah Cain, the widow of John Cain, an application for a pension under the 1848 act stating that she married him in 1797; that they lived together as husband and wife until April 1, 1835 at which time John McCain died; that she is now from age and infirmness of mind unable to support herself and that he, John H Cain, is her Guardian.

John H. Cain

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[facts in file: The veteran married September or October 1797 in Laurens District South Carolina, Susan or Susanna Henley. The veteran and his wife had the following children:

Elizabeth born July 12, 1798

Nancy born October 30, 1800

John H born October 30, 1802

William born October __, 1806

Abijah born August 14, 1808

Sarah born October 1, 1809

Jonathan born March 1, 1813

Susannah born October 18, 1815

Letty born December 18, 1812

The veteran's wife died April 3, 1854. In October 1853, one William Henley gave testimony in Wayne County Indiana that he was present at the marriage of John Cain and Susanna Henley; his relationship if any to the widow is not stated; in 1854 William Henley stated in Blackford County Indiana that he was married January 13, 1799 but he did not name his wife.

William Henley

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to John Cain

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 981

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[Note: I believe the following relates to the above veteran but cannot be 100% positive.]

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No. 103

[No.] 382

[Book] Z

18 Decr. 87 [1787]

John Cain for 27 days duty as horseman from 25 June to 15th September 1781 in Captain Hughes's [Joseph Hughes'] Company, 31 days as private of foot from 29 May to 29th June 1782, and ditto, 31 days as horseman from 1 June to 1 July 1782 in ditto, 31 days as a footman in ditto, 29 days as a horseman from 18th August to 16 September 1782 in ditto and 86 days as a footman from 17 February 1782 to 31st March 1783 alternately the whole in Colonel Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment Amounting

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

to [old South Carolina] currency £161
Sterling £23

NB

No time mentioned when the 4th Tour of duty commenced or ended – this included in the above sum

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]
 per pay bills

The Auditor Certifying this Account agreeable to Pay Bills with him
 Passed £23
 S/ JJ

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The State of South Carolina

		Dr.
To John Cain		
To 27 Days Duty as Horseman from the 25 th June to the 15 th September 1782 both Days included per pay Bill of Captain Joseph Hughes, Certified by Colonel Brandon	£27	
To 31 Days Duty as a private of Foot from the 29 th May to 29 th June 1782 Inclusive per pay Bill do Cert'd per do	15.10	
To 31 Days Duty as Horseman from the 1 st June to the 1 st July 1782 inclusive per pay Bill of do Cert'd per do	31	
4 th charge To 31 Days duty as footman per pay Bill of do Certified per do	15.10	
To 29 Days Duty as Horseman from the 18 th August to the 16 th September 1782 both days included per pay Bill of do Certified per do	29	
To 43 Days Duty as footman from the 17 th February to the 31 of March 1782 Inclusive per pay Bill of do Certified per do	21.10	
To 43 Days Duty as do from the 17 th February to the 31 st March 1783 Inclusive per pay Bill of do, Certified per do	<u>21.10</u>	
	£141.10/ Stg £20.15.8 ½	£161.0
	Stg.	£23

no time mentioned when the 4th Tour began or Ended

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Received 18th March 88 full Satisfaction for this Account in an Indent 382 X [sic]
 S/ Thos. Holden



[p 10 (spelling corrected)]

Gentlemen Please Deliver all my Indents may appear due to me to Mr. Thomas Holden with the interest due thereon and this order shall be your Receipt for the same October 13th 1787

S/ John Cain



To the State treasurers in Charleston
S/ Thomas Brandon, JP

Commissioners Office
Wanting Vouchers

[p 12: Printed form of Indent No. 382 Book Z dated December 18th, 1787 issued to John Cain in the amount of £23.]

[p 13: Reverse of the above Indent bearing the signature among others of Thomas Holden]