

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Hains (Haines) Tallitha Hains

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State of Kentucky Allen County Court October term 1832

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before John Whitney, William Fitzpatrick, Will Harn and Robert McClary Justices of said court then and there in the Courthouse of said County in court sitting Christopher Haines a resident of the state and County aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 7, 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated (to wit)

That he entered the service of the United States as a regular soldier in June or July 1777 under Captain Samuel Gilkerson in the town of Winchester in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia, for an indefinite term as he supposed, depending for its duration on the will of his officers or during the Revolutionary War. He states that shortly after his enlistment as aforesaid he was one of the guard of about twelve soldiers entrusted with the safe conveyance of five or six wagons loaded with lead from Winchester Virginia to Fort Pitt and proceeded on the way with his said charge as far as Fort Cumberland at or near which place the company met with General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], by whom they were ordered to deposit the lead at Fort Cumberland, it being unsafe in his opinion as stated to proceed further as many points of the intermediate country were held by hostile Indians who would intercept and take it. He was from Fort Cumberland marched back with said company to Winchester, and there employed in guarding a large number of prisoners, principally Hessians until the next summer, when he marched as a guard with said prisoners to Philadelphia. From Philadelphia under the command of Lieutenant Godlove Hiskill, he marched to Hagerstown in Maryland, having previously returned under said lieutenants command to Winchester. At Hagerstown your Applicant drew and received his clothing as a regular Soldier and sometime in the spring of 1779 having served nearly two years under said enlistment he was, at Hagerstown aforesaid discharge from the Service and from his said enlistment.

From Hagerstown applicant went to Rockingham County Virginia to live with his mother and stepfather David Maunger near the Shenandoah River; he resided there with them until the summer of 1780, he was in said County drafted as a militia man for three months service, and from thence marched under Captain John Rush in Colonel William All's Regiment to Richmond Virginia where said company remained for some time reconnoitering the enemy and protecting the country in its the sanity. Afterwards Captain Rush's Company your applicant still being and

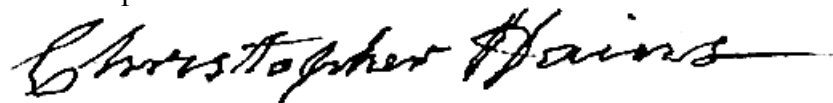
serving therein was marched up the country near the Blue Ridge and at place not now by him recollected discharged having served out their enlistment.

In June or July 1781 your applicant was again drafted in Rockingham Virginia to which he had returned. In pursuance of his said enlistment he marched under Captain John Ragan in the Militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Harris or Harrison, and with them as a private proceeded to Richmond Virginia and in the neighborhood of which place he served in said company until his term of service (three months) was ended and was discharged. This applicant was not in any engagement with the enemy during the Revolutionary War. After said War he moved from Rockingham to Russell County Virginia, from thence to Kentucky where he now lives in Allen County. He was born in Winchester Virginia on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1760 from the best information he has on the subject the family Register was, many years ago, in the possession of his mother in Rockingham what has become of it he knows not. Your applicant states that he received a discharge from each of his enlistment's from the appropriate Officers as he believes, that the same were preserved by him until his dwelling house in 1787 or 1788, in the County of Russell Virginia was burned and all his papers among which were the discharges aforesaid, and everything in said house was consumed. Applicant knows of no person whose testimony he can procure in this matter save the person who statement is herewith appended and has no documentary evidence whatever. He mainly relies on his own reputation, supporting this his solemn declaration of his service in the revolutionary war, and is confident that under his said enlistment's he served as a soldier therein about two years and six months.

This applicant cannot state with the clearness and precision he desires many things are only partially and confusedly recollected, the dates in the foregoing statement may some of them be found to be incorrect, his whole statement he desires may be taken as from the best of his recollection, his recollection, from the lapse of many years and his home advanced age he admits is frail and imperfect. This 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/ Christopher Hains



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I Mary Berry a resident of Allen County State of Kentucky being first duly sworn according to law to depose and say that I have heard the foregoing statement of Christopher Haines read. That I have known said Haines many years in Virginia and Kentucky that I have lived for 2 years last past and now live within 2 miles of his residence. That in the County of Rockingham Virginia I lived about 3 miles from David Maunger's said Haines' stepfather in the year 1781. I well remember that the marching of Captain Ragen with his company for the town of Richmond and the lower parts of the State of Virginia to fight the British and the said Haines was a soldier in said company were matters of public notoriety in Rockingham County, I never heard them contradicted and believe them indisputable. Christopher Haines married my sister in Rockingham a short time only before he was said to have been drafted in 1781. I heard him and others talk about his having been drafted a short time after he and others left home and were gone between 3 and 4 months when they returned and were always reputed to have been absent in the service of their country in the Revolutionary war.

On Haines' return he frequently mentioned the subject of his service under Captain Ragan

I have also often heard him speak of his enlistment and service under Captain Gilkerson as set forth in his declaration, his reputation for truth is good. He is reputed in the neighborhood where he lives to have been a revolutionary Soldier, the same has never been questioned as far as I have ever heard, and I concur in the opinion that he was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states  
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Mary Berry, X her mark

[Zadok B. Thackston and Jess gave a standard supporting affidavit.]L. Hickman

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State of Tennessee Washington County: September the 29<sup>th</sup> 1832

On this day and date above personally appeared before me Levi Bowers one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid George Hains, the affiant, and who after first being sworn by me deposed & stated that sometime in the same year after the surrender of Burgoyne in 1777 this deponent knew of Christopher Hains, enlisting into the Army of the Revolution for 2 years: that said Christopher at the time resided in the County of Frederick State of Virginia & in the year 1777 as well as now recollected, entered in Winchester under Captain Ghilkeson (or Gilkerson) for 2 years, said enlistment was at the time that the British prisoners taken at Burgoyne's defeat were brought to Winchester & the said Christopher Haynes [sic] enlisted for the purpose of guarding said prisoners and this affiant knew of his remaining at Winchester as one of the guard until said prisoners were removed from that place, which he thinks was to Philadelphia, when said Christopher left Winchester under his aforesaid Captain and was absent until the expiration of his time, in the Army, Witness did not see him after his departure from Winchester but saw him go with the troop from Winchester, and frequently heard of the said Christopher being in service afterward, but witness was himself taken into the Army and put into the southern Cavalry, & Christopher was of the infantry in the North. Witness also understood from others that said Christopher Haynes entered the militia service after being discharged from the regular Army, indeed one Captain Cogar of Rockingham County informed this deponent that he had served a tour of duty under him.

S/ George Hains<sup>1</sup>



[p 8: On June 7, 1847 in Allen County Kentucky, Tallitha Hains , 87, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Christopher Hains; that she thinks he first entered the service as a drafted soldier in the town of Winchester under the command of Captain Peter Heiskill and was stationed in Philadelphia Pennsylvania; that she married him July 14, 1782; that he died September 9, 1846; that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On June 7, 1847 in Allen County Kentucky, William H Ashford and Samuel Hains gave testimony in support of the widow's application stating that they have examined the family record of Christopher and Tallitha Hains taken from an old family testament which is in the handwriting of Christopher Hains.]

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<sup>1</sup> Almost certainly the same man as George Haynes (Hains) FPA S38791

[p 15: family record:

[Names and birth dates of the children of the veteran and his widow are as follows:

Mary born December 28 [paper torn]

Milly born January 12 [paper torn]

Nanse born March 25, 1789

Sary born June 12, 1791

Betty born August 1, 1793

Christopher Junior born July 4, 1795

Tallitha born November 1, 1797

Martha born March 13, 1800

Samuel born April 2, 1802

John born March 5, 1804

Chrissey born August 7, 180? [Paper torn]

[Note: the name Eliza McGuier, born April 3, 1831, is also shown but her relationship to the family, if any, is not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]