

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Evan Haines W8897

Charity Haines

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State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

On this 3rd day of December, 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Worshipful, the County Court of Madison, now sitting, Evan Haines, a resident of Madison County and State of Kentucky, aged 76 years the 17th day of July last, 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. In the year 1774 his father moved from Chester County Pennsylvania to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia. He was then about 18 years of age, and in the latter part of that year the Cherokee and Creek nations of Indians became troublesome and committed some depredations on the frontier settlers; but in the spring of the year 1775 the same nations of Indians became much more hostile and commenced murdering our frontier settlers. The inhabitants of Wilkes County were then compelled to create a Fort for their safety and protection, and did build one on Fishing Creek in Wilkes County in the spring of 1775. Soon after the Fort was completed the people living convenient to it moved into it, and then organize themselves and chose their officers. John Dooley was chosen commander of Wilkes County, Stephen Ward Lt. Col., Barnett Herd Major, Richard Austin Capt. and Simon Ottery Lieut. During the greater part of the year 1775 and 1776 he was engaged on scouting expeditions against said nations of the Indians and in guarding the Fort. He was what might be properly termed a minute man, and never failed to volunteer his services whenever called upon. At one time the Fort between the Savannah and Broad Rivers was attacked about 200 Indians. There were only about 30 effective men in the Fort, and it was considered in great danger of being taken by them. Accordingly one of the men in the Fort was let out in the night and brought us the news. He was then marched to the relief of that place, where he remained two weeks; during this time he was engaged in scouting expeditions and in gathering corn for the inhabitants -- he was then commanded by Capt. Richard Austin. This, he believes, was the latter part of the year 1776. During the next 4 years -- 1777, 1778, 1779 and 1780 he was frequently called upon, and never failed to volunteer his services, to go against said nations of Indians in scouting parties or as a spy. He was always commanded by one of the above named officers, but principally by Capt. Richard Austin. After the City of Charleston was taken by the British, in the year 1780 [May 12, 1780], he recollects that he was not often called upon to go against the Indians. In the year 1781 (after the British had left the Savannah River) he was taken prisoner by two whole or baggage boats, which contained 60 men, commanded by British officer named, or called Capt. Scallions, on St. Catherine's Island. The object of the boats was to plunder from the Americans. He was accordingly taken on board one of them and interrogated where they could succeed in

procuring property. He denied knowing where there was any, and for this the Capt. of the boat ordered him to be hung -- and he was accordingly hung three different times by the neck until nearly dead and then released. He was taken by the boat to the mouth of the Savannah River, where he was placed upon an Island and permitted to go on his own way. He was then within view of an American ship and made signs to be taken on board. The Capt. of the ship sent the boat after him and took him on board. Thus ended his services to his country. From the nature of his services it is impossible for him to say precisely the length of time he served. He however well recollects that [Fold3.com image of this page is cut off here – what follows in blue was taken from HeritageQuest.com] he was almost continually engaged in the service as an Indian spy and on scouring or scouting expeditions during the year 1775, 1776 and 1777, and frequently at intervals for several years afterwards. Thus he feels perfectly safe in saying that he served in all more than two years. He was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1756. He has a record of his age in his family Bible, at his present residence, which he obtained from the family record of his father. He resided in Wilkes County Georgia when called into the service. After the war was over he was several years engaged in the merchant service on the ocean and then settled in the State of North Carolina, and from thence moved to the State of Kentucky, in Lincoln County, and from there to Madison County, Kentucky, where he now resides, and where he has resided for the last 44 years. He was called into the service as an Indian spy and upon scouting and scouring parties as before stated, and always volunteered. There were no regular troops or officers where you served, and the general circumstances of his service were as before detailed. He never did receive a discharge for his services, but always served till discharged by his officers. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. He is known in his present neighborhood to Thomas Turner and the Rev. Thomas Jerman Junior. He 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/ Evan Haines, X his mark

[Thomas Jerman, Junior, a clergyman, and Thomas Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Evan Haines, who being duly sworn, deposeth 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 period mentioned below and in the following grade: – "For two years I served as a private, and for such service I claim a pension."

Given under my hand and seal as an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid May 1, 1833

S/ Evan Haines, X his mark

S/ Joseph Turner, JP

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State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

Evan Haines came personally before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, this day and makes the following additional declaration by the way of

amendment to his former declaration and supplementary declaration. He states that the facts set forth in his original declaration and supplement were/was true. He states that he is an unlettered man, and never made a minute of his services as to the number of days he served, or the time he was actually engaged under his different Tours of service. They were of such a character as to render it impossible for him to give any further particulars respecting dates without a memorandum. He had given the years, and the place of his services, together with his officers' names he served under. He is now 77 years of age, as to labor hard for a living, and his memory has considerably failed him. That unless he had kept a minute or memorandum of his actual services, and that to in his different tours of service, he could not state it more minutely than he has already done. He therefore must leave it to the Department of War to decide how long he is entitled to pay for his services, and what amount he is entitled to receive.

Sworn and subscribed this 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1833

S/ Evan Haines, X his mark

S/ Joseph Turner, JP

[p 10: Charity Haines, 69, made application on April 22, 1839 in Madison County Kentucky for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Evan Haines; that she married him in Surry County North Carolina April 22, 1788; that he died June 13 1836; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: Nathan Haines, 29, a resident of Madison County Kentucky gave testimony in Madison County, Kentucky on April 22, 1839 in support of his mother's application for a widow's pension; he also verified the Bible record of the family which he says was recorded in 1818 when the Bible was purchased. That record reads as follows:

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Evan Haines was born July the 17th, 1756

Charity Haines was born April 25th 1770

Ellis Haines was born Marched tonight 1765 [brother of Evan Haines]

Elizabeth Haines was born October the 8th 1789

Ellis Haines was born June the 10th 1791

Jonathan Haines was born June the 6th 1793

Jane Haines was born December the 21st 1795

David Haines was born March 1<sup>st</sup> 1802

Katharine Haines was born November the 9th 1807

Nathan Haines was born July the 8th 1810

[See images below]

FAMILY RECORD.	
BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
Evan Haines was born July the 17 <sup>th</sup> 1756	Elizabeth Haines was born October the 8 <sup>th</sup> 1789
Charity Haines was born April 25 <sup>th</sup> 1770	Ellis Haines was born June the 10 <sup>th</sup> 1791
Ellis Haines was born March the 9 <sup>th</sup> 1765	Jonathan Haines was born June the 6 <sup>th</sup> 1793
	Jane Haines was born December the 21 <sup>st</sup> 1795
	David Haines was born March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1802
	Katharine Haines was born November the 9 <sup>th</sup> 1807
	Nathan Haines was born July the 8 <sup>th</sup> 1810

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Evan Haines and Charity Enyart was married Aprile the 22nd, 1788

Jonathan Haines and Elizabeth Wright were married on the 22nd of August in the year A.D. 1822

FAMILY REC
MARRIAGES.
Evan Haines and Charity Enyart was married Aprile the 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1788. —
Jonathan Haines and Elizabeth Wright were married on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of August in the year A.D. 1822

*Nathan Haines* ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]