

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Givens R4054

Martha Givens

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State of Kentucky, Lincoln County

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Lincoln County Court now sitting Robert Givens a resident of Lincoln County State of Kentucky aged Seventy-four 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 & served as herein stated.

He states that he volunteered a soldier in Captain Gillifalls [Gilley or Gilbraith Falls] Horse Company for three months and that he Joined the said Company in May 1780 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina marched to South Carolina under Colonel McDowell and about the close of said time he was in a battle fought at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] between the Americans & Tories and there his Captain was killed and his company was discharged. Sometime after this he again entered the service as a guard for guarding Beatties Ford on the Catawba River in North Carolina & on that tour as guard he served how long this affiant cannot recollect and he does not recollect any of the officers that was in command at that time that he was there discharged.

Some time in the Springs 1781 he again entered the service as a volunteer in a company that went from Agusty [sic, Augusta] County in the State of Virginia he does not recollect the Captain but the company was attached to Colonel Bowyer[']s Company from Stanton Virginia he joined the Company that Rockfish Gap Virginia and marched to Richmond then to New Kent Court House thence towards Williamsburg & near to where Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & his regulars had the battle with the British [Jamestown Ford, July 6, 1781] he does not recollect the time he was in actual service at that time but he was there discharged and returned home to Augusta County he states that he thinks that he was in actual service more than six months. He states that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

S/ Robert Givens



[Samuel Campbell & Benjamin Briggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 6: On August 16, 1844, John Allen Givens, 59, resident of Monroe County, Indiana filed for whatever pension was due his mother, Martha Givens, as the widow of Robert Givens stating that he believes his father was a pensioner of the US; his father died October 16, 1833, in Lincoln County, Ky survived by Martha, his widow, who died March 31, 1842 in Monroe County; he states that his mother

was born July 31, 1761; that she married his father in 1783, he believes in Augusta County, Virginia; that his parents had the following children:

John Allen Givens born Aug. 31, 1784

James born January 22, 1786

Rebecca Brown Givens born April 9, 1788 (married Bennett C. Wright of Macon County, Missouri)

Martha born December 22, 1790 (married Bennett Organ, dec'd, late of St. Charles County, Missouri)

Sarah Mitchell Givens born June 14, 1793 (married Eli Harris of Wilson County, Tenn.)

Benjamin born April 14, 1796 and died when about four years old

Robert A. Givens born 1799

Molly born February 27, 1802 (married a Harris)

John Allen Givens states his father was born Mary 22, 1759. "The declarant recollects his mother's Brother Robert Givens Senr. who also was a pensioner and lived near to his Father that they both were pensioners of the Revolutionary War the declarant's father was termed Junior and his uncle the Senior."

John A. Givens

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[pp 13-14: family record:

FAMILY RECORD	FAMILY RECORD
BIRTHS.	MARRIAGES.
<i>Robert Givens senr. was born May 22 - 1759</i>	<i>Robert Givens and Mar- tha Givens were married July 4th 1782</i>
<i>Martha Givens senr. was born July 31. 1761</i>	
<i>The birth of their children John Allen Givens was born Aug. 31st 1784</i>	
<i>James Givens was born Jan. 22. 1786</i>	
<i>Rebecca Brown Givens was born April. 19th 1788</i>	
<i>Martha Givens junr. was born Dec. 24 - 1790</i>	
<i>Sarah Mitchell Givens was born June 14th 1793.</i>	
<i>Benjamin Givens was born April 14th 1796</i>	
<i>Robert Givens junr was born Sept. 16th 1799.</i>	
<i>Molly Givens was born Feb. 27 - 1802</i>	

[p 29: On August 25, 1845 in Monroe County Indiana, Robert Givens of said County and state aged 45

gave testimony authenticating the family record of his mother and father as set forth above; that he does not know the handwriting of the person who made the record but believes it was one Findley, a Presbyterian minister who lived at the time the record was made in Lincoln County Kentucky; that his father died October 25, 1833 in Lincoln County Kentucky and his mother died in Monroe County Indiana April 1, 1842.

Robert A Givens

[p 23: Samuel Moore of Monroe County, Indiana, gave an affidavit in 1844 stating that "he knew two persons residence in Lincoln County State of Kentucky who lived in the same neighborhood ever lived one half mile apart from each other. That they were distinguished and known when spoken of, one as Captain Robert Givens who he believes was the Senior person and the other as Carolina Robert Givens who he believes was the Junior person of the said to Robert Givens. That the said Captain Givens was generally known and believed to be the Brother of the wife of said Carolina Robert Givens. That from general report he believes said to Robert Givens were each of them Revolutionary Pensioners....]

[p 42: NC Comptroller's certificate:

*Receipt N. C.
Comptrollers Office*
*I William H. Collier, Comptroller of Public Accounts
in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby
Certify that the name of Robert Givens appears
of record in this office as having had the following
Special Certificates issued in his favor for Military
Service, (viz), One for Twenty Pounds Eighteen
Shillings and six pence (£20.18.6) and another
for Twenty four pounds, Five Shillings and
Eleven pence (£24.5.11) given under my
hand and seal this 20 day August 1845*
Wm H Collier Compt

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]