Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Haney S32292

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[f p 3]

State of Illinois, Morgan County: A. D. 1832

On this twenty Second day of September [1832] personally appeared in open Court before William Gillham, William Woods & James Greene Judges of commissioners Court, a court of record now sitting in said Morgan County Francis Haney a resident in said Morgan 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 A.D. 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following officers and Served as herein Stated: on the first of June A.D. 1776, I Francis Haney then living in the County of Bardadotti¹ [sic, very probably an attempt to refer to Botetourt County] Virginia volunteered and entered the Service of the United States as a private Soldier under the command of Captain Daniel Smith, Lieutenant William Bowen and Ensign Joseph Locke all of said Bardadotti County now called Washington [County] – the company consisted of about thirty men -- we were on constant duty ranging through the State of Virginia – and over the Clynch [sic, Clinch] Mountains – employed against the Indians – in the fall following we rendezvoused at Long Island – Holstein [Holston River] – then called Virginia – and numbered about 2500 men under the command of General William Christie [sic, William Christian] – from thence we marched to the Cherokee Nation [f p 4] against the Indians – Arthur Campbell was acting as Colonel of the County – we remained in that country employed against the Indians until December A.D. 1776-at which time we returned – I received from my Captain at this time a discharge for three months Service but this discharge I have lost – I know of no living person who can testify to my Service in this campaign – In the year 1778 – then living on Holston – Virginia I again volunteered about the first of September 1778 and entered the Service of [the] United States as a private – Soldier under the command of Captain George Adams – Lieutenant George Maxfield – the Company consisted of about 40 men – who were mustered to defend the frontiers of Kentucky from the depredations of the Indians. We marched to Fort Harrodsburgh [Harrodsburg] – Kentucky –

[another version] Bardadolt

where we found Captain James Harrod with about 60 men – We remained at Fort Harrodsburgh until the first of April following. At this time Daniel Boone had about 40 men under his command at Boone's Fort about 20 miles up the river from us – I received no discharge for this campaign which continued for a term of seven months – I know of no living person who can testify to my Service in this campaign --

Again in September A.D. 1779-- I volunteered and entered the Service of the United States as a private – Soldier while living at Holston – We were called out by Col Shelby [Isaac Shelby] to act as a guard while the proper authorities were running [f p 7] the line between Virginia and North Carolina. I received no discharge for this campaign which continued for three months – Moses Webb² of said Morgan County served with me in this campaign – and distinctly recollects the same.

In May A.D. 1780 then living at Holston I again volunteered and entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier under the command of Captain George Maxfield. We were ordered to North Carolina to build McBroom's Fort – our company went down & performed this duty under the command of Lieutenant Robert Carl. We remained at the Fort until July following – when we were called to march to a place called Licketty [sic, Thicketty] Creek in South Carolina to dislodge a band of 4 or 500 Tories – we rendezvoused at the Fork at Holston in all about 1000 men under the command of General McDowell [Charles McDowell] - Col. John Sevier and Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] we went to South Carolina to Licketty Creek succeeded in taking the Tories who were there under the command of Padmore [sic, Paddy or Patrick Moore]³ - on returning those under the immediate command of Colonel Shelby were attacked by about 200 Tories and English Dragoons – they were easily overcome – we then returned to McBroom's Fort. In September following we were ordered to North Carolina – the troops rendezvoused at the Yellow Mountains – North Carolina – I served then under Captain Caldwell – in all there mustered 1000 men [f p 8, but is this the real next page or is there a page missing?] The General officers of this Regiment were Colonel William Campbell – Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby] – Colonel Severe [John Sevier] – Colonel Williams [James Williams] Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] – from this place we marched to Kings Mountain there defeated a force of about 500 Tories and English under command of one called Furguson [Patrick Ferguson]⁴ – we then returned which was in November to McBroom's Fort.

In December same year we were ordered to the Cherokee Expedition as called – we then served under the command of Captain Martin – in this Regiment commanded by Colonel Sevier – after ranging through the country against the Indians until February following we returned home – after a campaign in which I served for nine months. I never received a discharge for my service. Moses Webb now living in Morgan County served these campaigns with me and recollects the same in which I served under Captain Caldwell & Captain Martin – I know of no living person who can testify to my service in the other parts of these campaigns.

The deponent being interrogated by the Court – states that he was born in Prince Edward County Virginia in A.D. 1754 – April 19th – a record of his age was made by his parents – he distinctly recollects the same in 1775 he removed into Bardadotti County Virginia. At the expiration of his service as a soldier viz. 1782 he removed into the County of Sumner – West Tennessee – from there into Logan County – Kentucky – from thence into Ohio County [f p 5] Kentucky – from thence into Gallatin County Illinois – from thence into Butler County Kentucky – from thence into Gallatin County Illinois – from thence into Jefferson County Illinois – from thence

³ July 26, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution-thicketty-fort.html

² Moses Webb S35113

⁴ October 7, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

into McCraggen [sic, McCracken] County Kentucky – from thence [into] Gallatin County Illinois – from thence into Shelby County Illinois – from thence into Morgan County Illinois A.D. 1831 where he now lives – For the above campaigns I never received any compensation except a small sum of Continental money – which so depreciated in value I lost all benefit for same – I never held any commission but always went as [a] private. I am well known to Moses Webb, John Wyatt and William Wyatt my neighbors and acquaintances.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State – whatsoever --

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis Haney, X his mark

[f p. 9: John Wyatt and William Wyatt gave the standard supporting affidavit.] S/ William Woods, S/ William Gillham, S/ James Green, Judges of Commissioners Court Morgan County, Ills.

[f 6 and 9]

I Moses Webb of Morgan County Illinois of lawful age depose and say – that I am now on the pension list and receive a pension of a private Soldier. I served in the year 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Ashur [sic, William Asher?]⁵ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shelby – when he employed by the authorities to run the line between Virginia and North Carolina – when on this campaign I became acquainted with Francis Haney – the deponent above named who served with us during the whole time – which was three months – I again served in A.D. 1780 under Captain James Webb – in Regiment commanded by Colonel Shelby which served in South Carolina – was present at the battle of Kings Mountain. At the Fork of Holston I there saw again Francis Haney the identical person named in above declaration – who was a private in the company of Captain George Maxfield – said Haney was present at the battle of Kings Mountain and continued with us during the whole campaign which was 6 or 8 weeks – after returning we separated and met again in September following at Yellow Mountains – North Carolina to go on the Cherokee Expedition. At this time, I served under Captain James Webb, in Regiment commanded by Colonel Arthur Campbell. In the same Regiment I again saw the above named Francis Haney in the company of Captain Martin – he marched with us to the [f p 9] Cherokee nation and there continued with us a private soldier during the whole of the campaign which was nine months. I resided in Morgan County Illinois am well acquainted with Francis Haney who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration – I believe him to be 78 years old – he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and I concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Moses Webb

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 22 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

Capt. Ashur