

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Hains (Haines) S38008

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District of Virginia Jefferson County in the State of Virginia Sct.

On this 21st day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber presiding and sole Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the said County of Jefferson in the District and State aforesaid personally appeared Peter Hains aged sixty-four years and resident in the said County, and District who being first duly sworn by me according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United [States] in the revolutionary War" -- that he the said Peter Hains enlisted in the land service under Captain Abraham Shepherd¹ commanding a Rifle company and attached to Colonel Moses Rollins Independent Rifle Regiment of Virginia & Maryland – that he continued three years in said Corps and service of the United States until the year 1779 July first of the same year, when he was discharged. That he has no other evidence of his service except the annexed affidavit of Captain Abraham Shepard.

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robt White

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Jefferson County District and State of Virginia Sct.

Abraham Shepard formerly a Captain in the Revolutionary Army appeared before me Presiding and sole Judge of the superior Court of Law for the County aforesaid and made oath that Peter Haines within mentioned enlisted under his command in July 1776 & served 3 years in the Revolutionary Army and served during said Term of time as a faithful & brave soldier and at the termination of said 3 years was honorably discharged. And Abraham Shepard at same time 8 oath that Peter Haines is now very poor & needy – sworn before made this 21st day of April 1818.

S/ Robt White

State of Virginia Jefferson County Sct.

In the record of proceedings in the County Court of Jefferson among others is the following, to

¹ [Abraham Shepherd W19343](#)

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State of Virginia Jefferson County Sct.

On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for said County Peter Haines aged sixty-five years, resident in said County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted in Shepherds Town [Shepherdstown] Virginia in the year 1775 and served one year and reenlisted in 1776 and served three years (as will appear by the documents accompanying his declaration for a pension about the spring of 1818 as this declarant believes) and was in the Battle of Fort Washington on York Island where he was taken prisoner [November 16, 1776]; And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and that I am unable to maintain and support myself by labor being unable to work at my trade which is that of a carpenter; I have no family living with me but my wife who is aged sixty-three years and unable to contribute to her own or my support and I have received a pension by virtue of a Certificate No. 2892

Schedule

I have 8 small hogs, one large iron pot, one tea kettle, one Dutch oven, one old cupboard, one old desk, 1 six plate stove, one old house & small lot and Charles Town Virginia containing 1/8 of an acre of land.

S/ Peter Haines, X his make

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 21, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]