

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Gaines S38721

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The State of South Carolina towit

On this twenty eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred eighteen before me Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of the Court of Equity for the said State personally appeared Thomas Gaines aged sixty four years resident in the District of Laurens and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn 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 & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said Thomas Gaines was drafted as a substitute in the year of one thousand seven hundred & eighty in Captain Val. Harrisons [possibly Valentine Harrison's] Company of eighteen months men in the Continental Service In a Regiment commanded by Conl. John Green that he continued in said service untill the expiration of his time towit eighteen months when he was honorably discharged at Salisbury in No Carolina by Major Smith Snead. That he was at the Siege of Ninety Six [SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] but that owing to his being detailed and put under the Engineer he was in none of the general engagements that took place during the term of his service – That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said services except the Certificate of Con'l. John Green which is herewith filed –

Thomas hisXmark Gaines

December 14th 1780

This is to Certify that Thomas Gains is a substitute from the County of Culpeper and is to Serve as a soldier while December one thousand seven hundred & Eighty one – John Green Colo. 6th V. R.

State of South Carolina } Personley appeared before me John Wait [pension application S7812]
Laurens District } who was a contenetel solder in the Company of John Thornton capten
in the Redgment commanded by col. Messer [sic: Hugh Mercer] of the third Virginia Redgment –
and also on his oath saith that he knew Colo John Green who was a contental Col or Commanded as
such–

Swearne to and subscribed before me this the thirtyeth day of October 1819

David Anderson JP'ce

[signed] John Wait

State of So. Carolina } Personally appeared before me John Butler [S39263] who being duly
Newberry District } Qualified as the law directs and on his oath saith that he was a soldier in
the revolutionary war in the Continental Service under Capt. Thomas Barbey [sic: Thomas Barbee]
belonging to the Second virginia Rigm't. of Regulars & that he was well acquainted & knew Colo. John
Green and that he Commanded the Second Reg't. of which this deponat then belonged in the regular
service and was with & commanded them at the Battle of Guilford in the state of North Carolina & he
does know that he Commanded as a Regular Continental officer in the american army & he further saith
that he was well acquainted with Thomas Gains at that time & knew him to be a regular soldier Enrolled
in the same company & Regm't. with himself & that he served out his time and was Honab'y Discharged
Sworn to & subscribed before me that 1st day of November AD 1819 John hisXmark Butler
Charles Griffin J. P'ce.

[As required by the pension law of 1 May 1820, Gaines submitted a schedule of his property dated 16 Nov 1820. The property, valued at \$664.30, includes "1 Negroe Woman \$350.00" and "1 Still \$20.00."]

Declaration in order to be restored to the pension list under the Act 1st. March 1823.

South Carolina }

Laurens District } On the 22nd. day of June 1826 personally appeared in open Court, (being a Court of Record for the District of Laurens in the State aforesaid) Thomas Gaines, resident in said District, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820; Viz. That the said Thomas Gaines was drawn for the term of Eighted months on the 1st day of July 1780, in the State of Virginia, in the Campaign [sic] Commanded by Capt. Vol. Harrison, in the Regiment Commanded by John Green in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 31st of December 1781 when he was discharged from the Service at Salsbury in the State of North Carolina. That his name has been placed on the pension List, & dropped therefrom on account of his property.

Schedule of the whole Estate of Thomas Gaines (Declarant)

Cupboard & pewter \$20. Shoe tools & smothing irons \$2.	\$22.00	
Castings \$4.25. Sundry tools & old irons \$5.25	9.50	
Steelyards \$1.50 Plough & geer \$3.	4.50	
Bar Iron 38 lbs @ 6 cts \$2.28 ½ Doz. chairs \$1.50	3.78	
2 old guns & pistol \$9.00. One Saddle \$1.00	10.00	
Looking glass 31 cents. 4 Bls & 4 hoes \$2.50	2.81	
yarn wheels pail & w. Tub \$2. 2 chests. Loom & geer \$5.00	7.00	
1 Cart & 2 iron wedges \$6. Blind horse & jointer \$6	12.00	
Sundry articles \$2. Hogshead & tubs \$2.75	4.75	
Boxes, gritter & candle moulds \$1. Trumtul 25 cts	<u>1.25</u>	
	\$77.59	(signed) Thomas Gaines

The following changes have taken place in his property since the exhibition of the first Schedule (Viz) a negro woman named Hannah sold by the former Sheriff of Laurens District Allen Barksdale to satisfy two judgments against said Thomas Gaines, one by Jacob Niswanger for \$101.11 including debt interest & costs, and one by John Duncass for \$35.15 including debt interest & costs, making in the whole \$136.26. The said negro sold for one hundred & forty one dollars twenty six cents, and after satisfying the said debt, the balance was paid back by the said Sheriff to said Thomas, as will appear from his certificate herewith exhibited.

The Declarant further states, that he is a farmer by occupation that he has no family, is old & infirm and in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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.

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Tho's. Gains/ age 25/ height 6 1½/ "S. Maker" (stay maker, i.e. corset maker)/ born and residing in Culpeper

County/ black hair/ gray eyes/ swarthy complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.