

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Cain W7665                      Mary Harris                      SC  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 July 2014.

State of Georgia } ss  
Hall County        } Special Inferior Court January Term 1845

On this 13th day of January 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court held in and for said County and State the same being a Court of Record Mrs. Mary Harriss (formerly Mary Cain) a resident of said County and State aged Eighty five years the 4th day of May last. who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed 3rd March 1837

That Michael Cain her first husband according to the best of her knowledge belief and recollection served as a private in the War of the Revolution in a company of Cavalry in the South Carolina Militia under the following named officers as she learned from her said husband and others viz Capt. Andrew Miller, Colo. Robert Anderson and Gen'l. [Andrew] Pickens; That the said Michael Cain resided in Abbeville District South Carolina prior to and during the Revolutionary War; that he was called into service in the aforesaid District on or about the 13th day of February 1779 as appears from proof hereunto annexed and served as aforesaid under the aforesaid officers in the South Carolina Militia alternately until July 1783 as appears from Comptrollers Certificate That the said Michael Cain received two wounds in said service one in the hand at the siege of ninety six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. the other on the head by a sword at Tarltons defeat [sic: defeat of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton at the Battle of Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] at which place Cap't. Miller was killed as she learned from her husband

And deponent further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Michael Cain by Robert Anderson a Justice of the peace in Abbeville District South Carolina some time in the month of June in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven; That they lived together as man and wife until the 10th day of March in the year eighteen hundred and two (1802) when the said Michael Cain died in Abbeville District South Carolina during which time she had eight children namely Joseph, Henry, John R. Catherine, Sarah, Mary, Jenny, & Nancy.

That she remained a widow until some time in the month of November eighteen hundred and three 1803 when she married one Thomas Harriss with whom she lived until the 9th day of September in the year eighteen hundred and twenty seven (1827) when he the said Thomas Harriss died leaving her again a widow. That some time the next year she removed to the neighbourhood of her son Joseph Cain in Hall County State Georgia where she still resides. That she has remained a widow since the death of the said Thomas Harris; was a widow on the 4th of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to proof hereunto annexed

That she has no documentary evidence of her marriage. the State of South Carolina not requiring a License

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first written  
Mary herXmark Harris

State of Georgia }        Be it known that before me John Merk and acting Justice of the peace in and for  
Hall County        }        said County personally appeared David H McClesky a resident of said County  
aged sixty two years who being duly sworn according to law makes the  
following statements to Wit That his father James McCleskey [pension application S16475] who is now  
dead was a Revolutionary Soldier and a Pensioner of the United States under the act of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832  
on the Rools of the State of Georgia. And that when he was a boy he lived with his said father who was  
then neighbour to Michael Cain both then liveing in Abbeville District South Carolina. that he well  
recollects of hearing his father and a man by the name of John H. Johnson [W4464] frequently talking of

their Services in the Revolutionary War and of the Services of the aforesaid Michael Cain and that they always spoke of him as an excellent soldier and ardently devoted to the Cause of Liberty

Deponent further says that he well recollects that the said Michael Cain was always regarded by his neighbours as a Soldier of the Revolution and that he concurs in that opinion

Deponent further says that he is personally acquainted with Mrs. Mary Harriss the present applicant for a Pension and that she is the Identical person who was the former widow of the aforesaid Michael Cain

[signed] David H McCleskey.

[25 Feb 1846]

NOTES:

The file contains copies of records of payment of £387 to Michael Cain for “Three hundred and eighty seven days duty as Private Horseman, performed alternately from 13 Feby 1779 to 12 July 1783.”

On 21 Feb 1846 in Hall County Joseph Cain stated that he was born to Joseph and Mary Cain as the second child after Catherine. He submitted the family register made by him in 1803 and transcribed below.

Joseph Cain was born February the 19 1780

Sarah Cain was born May 23<sup>th</sup> 1784

Joseph Cain & wife Sarah was Married September the 13 1803