Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Haisten W7704
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Georgia Fayette County: SS

On this 27th day of July 1833 personally appeared before Finley G Stewart one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Fayette County John Haisten a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Georgia aged seventy-one 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Under the command of Captain Wells in Major Philip Jones' Battalion & Colonel Dickerson's Regiment in Amelia County, State of Virginia, in the early part of the year 1782 [sic, more likely 1781 based on the services the veteran describes], he was drafted and served a tour of three months – that he was marched to Richmond & was engaged most of the time reconnoitering in different directions over the adjacent Country and at the expiration of three months, was discharged by Colonel Dickinson [sic], which discharge has been lost or destroyed.

That immediately after his return home and in the spring or early part of the Summer of the same year in Amelia County, Virginia, his Class Number 4 being previously as he understood it drafted, he again entered the service under the command of General Lawson [Robert Lawson] in Major Philip Jones' Battalion & his mind inclines to the belief that it was in Colonel Dickerson's Regiment and was marched to Petersburg & was engaged in frequent excursions over the adjacent Country and after having served three months he was discharged at Petersburg, which discharge he has lost.

That in the same year, and immediately after his return from the last mentioned expedition and he believes in the month of August, his brother Sutton Haisten being drafted he substituted in his place, and again entered the service in Major Philip Jones' Battalion & Colonel Dickerson's Regiment in Amelia County Virginia & was marched by way of Petersburg & Williamsburg to little York & again under the Command of General Lawson & was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and at the expiration of three months was discharged by Colonel Dickerson, which discharge is also lost.

That he was born in Amelia County State of Virginia in the year 1762, that the record of his age has been destroyed, that when called into service he lived in Amelia County Virginia that since the Revolutionary War he has lived in North Carolina, South Carolina, & Georgia, and that he now lives in Fayette County & State of Georgia – that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The Reverend William Haisten & John Pearce Junior can testify to his Character and their opinion of my Revolutionary Services.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Haisten, X his mark

[William Haisten, a clergyman, and John Pearce gave the standard supporting affidavit.

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Georgia Fayette County: SS

On this 8th day of January 1834 personally appeared before Finlay G. Stewart one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Fayette County John Haisten a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Georgia, aged 71 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. Under command of Captain Wells, in Major Philip Jones's Battalion, and Colonel Dickerson's Regiment in Amelia County & State of Virginia, in the early part of the year 1782, he was drafted and served as a private that he was marched to Richmond and was kept reconnoitering the adjacent Country and at the expiration of 3 months was discharged, having been called into service under authority of the state of Virginia & was engaged during that time in no civil pursuit.

In the spring of the same year (he now thinks) in the month of May, in Amelia County, Virginia, the men being classed, and his class number four as he understood it being drafted, he again entered the service in Captain Wells' Company under the command of General Lawson and the same officers he served under in his previous tour and was marched to Petersburg & was kept reconnoitering the adjacent Country and at the expiration of 3 months was discharged by his Captain, which discharge is lost & was engaged in no civil pursuit & called into service under authority of the State of Virginia.

That in the same year and very shortly after his return from the last mentioned expedition, in the month of August (he thinks), his brother Sutton Haisten having been drafted, he substituted as a private in his place under command of Captain Mumford in Major Philip Jones' Battalion, and Colonel Dickerson's Regiment, in Amelia County Virginia, and was marched by way of Petersburg & Williamsburg to little York, and again under the command of General Lawson, and was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis, and at the expiration of his term of 3 months he was discharged by Colonel Dickerson, having been called into service under the authority of the State of Virginia, & engaged in no civil pursuit during his time of service.

That he was born in Amelia County, state of Virginia in the year 1762, that he has no record of his age, that when called into service he lived in Amelia County, Virginia, that since the Revolutionary war he has lived in North Carolina, South Carolina & Georgia, and that he now lives in Fayette County, Georgia – that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The Reverend William Haisten & __ can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Haisten, X his mark

To the 1st Interrogatory he answers

In Amelia County, Virginia & in the year 1762

To the 2nd he answers

He has no record of his age.

To the 3rd he answers

In Amelia County Virginia, in North Carolina, South Carolina & Georgia, and now in Fayette County, Georgia.

To the 4th he answers

By the officers of these state of Virginia, twice drafted, and a substitute in place of his Brother Sutton Haisten.

To the 5th he answers

That he is inclined to think that Major Jones Colonel Dickerson & General Lawson under whom he served were militia officers. That General Greene was at the siege of little York and was a regular officer and for the general circumstances of his services he refers to his declaration. To the 6^{th} interrogatory he answers

He thinks he was discharged each of the tours he served by Colonel Dickerson, but is not certain except his first & last tour, and that he has lost all his discharges. To the 7th he answers

The Reverend William Haisten and John Pearce Junior

- [p 8: On May 5, 1845 in Fayette County Georgia, Nancy Haisten, 79, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Haisten, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she married him in Mecklenburg County Virginia in 1786; that they were married by a minister of the gospel named Lorance; that her husband died December 15, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]
- [p 9: Charles Copperage, 81, a resident of Pike County Georgia, gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of John Haisten to Nancy Ellis in 1786 in Mecklenburg County Virginia. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]
- [p 59: On July 4, 1845 in Fayette County Georgia, William Haisten a resident of said County, aged 58, gave testimony that he is the son of John Haisten, a revolutionary war pensioner; that his father died in Fayette County December 15, 1835 leaving Nancy Haisten his widow; that the deponent recorded his age as being 58 years the 16th day of May last.

William Hunter

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]