

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Levi Goines (Gaines) R3865

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress for the benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers.

State of North Carolina
County of Moore

On this 26th day of April AD1852 personally appeared before the court of Pleas [*Pleas*] and Quarter Sessions held for the county and State of aforesaid, Levi Goines a resident of said County of Moore, and State of N.C. aged, about ninety 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 provision made by the acts of Congress for Soldiers who served in the Revolutionary war. That he volunteered in Fairfield County, State of South Carolina, and agreed to serve until the end of the war, the time he entered the service he does not recollect, but believes it was about the time that the British took Charleston [*Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780*] that he served as a private in a Company Commanded by Captain John Gray and was attached to a Regiment which was Commanded by Col. John Winn, and Gen. Richard Winn. He continued in actual service for about the time of twelve months* (*note at bottom of page reads "He thinks two year, but is determined to be *within* bounds") though his recollection is not very distinct as to the time he served but he was honorably discharged as he believes, at the close of the said Revolutionary War by his said Captain, having been marched back to said Fairfield County, which was also the residence of his Captain. He obtained no written discharge. He was engaged in a battle near the confluence of the Congaree and Santee Rivers¹. Gen. Lee [*Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee*] he believes was the commander though his memory as to this is indistinct. Says the town surrendered here without much fighting. His services was entirely confined to the State of South Carolina, marching from Wynsborough^{Winnsboro} to the Congaree Fort and various other parts of said state under his officers. He recollects the names of many officers and soldiers with whom he served but does not know any regulars the following are some of them. Gen. Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Majr John Pearson, William W. Morris, James Steel, Joseph Kennedy, John Greggs, Lieut. Andrew Gray, & Saml Croslin (the latter was a regular). He knows of no person living, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his

¹ Forces under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee captured Fort Granby on May 14, 1781 and it appears that this is the action to which the veteran referred in his application.

service having removed from the state of South Carolina to North Carolina Moore County soon after the close of the Revolutionary War where he has resided ever since he has never been positive until recently that he was entitled to a Pension. Several years since a gentleman informed him that he was entitled to anything and made no further effort until now. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension 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 and year aforesaid in open court.

Test. Aron A. F. Leavell

Levi Goines, X his mark

Sworn to in open court this 26th day of April A.D. 1852. A. C. Curry clerk of Moore County Court.

State of North Carolina
Moore County

On this 19th day of February A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace, within and for the County and the state aforesaid Duncan Murchison, who, being duly sworn according to Law, declares that he has been acquainted with Levi Goines for forth five years during which time he has resided in the County and state aforesaid. That when he came to this county he understood and believed that he came from the state of South Carolina. He is a man of good character where oath may be relied on, he is reputed to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War while living in South Carolina of which there is no doubt.

Sworn to and subscribe before me this 19th day of February AD 1852.

Duncan Murchinson

Jno. C Jackson JP

State of North Carolina
Moore County
Pension office department

The declaration of Levi Goines, a Revolutionary Soldier, with the proof of his services hereunto annexed, is respectfully submitted for your consideration, it is believed that under the several acts of Congress he is entitled to a Pension for life from the 4th day of March 1831—To back pay since that time and to bounty lands having volunteered during the war and served as he believes until its close or until discharged by his officers which several claims he respectfully asks the department to allow him. He has no living nor documentary evidence of his services but has transmitted a correct statement under oath showing as near as frail memory will allow the time place and manner of his services the officer under whom he served and with whom he was acquainted. He also produces the certificate of three of the most respectable and intelligent men in his county who establish beyond doubt his good character and general reputation as a soldier and I imagine there are but few of those Veterans who have been mercifully spared until this day that would swear falsely. This proof I trust will be sufficient to establish his claim. Time has so reduced the number of Veterans and of the witnesses of their services and sufferings that to require of them positive proof independently of their own statement would be to deprive them of the benefit of the act. An early investigation of this claim is respectfully solicited. If consistent

with the regulations of the department, his humble condition in life and very feeble health require it. All of which is respectfully subscribed. My address is Carthage, N.C.

W. C. Thagard

State of North Carolina
Moore County

On the 28th day of June A.D. 1852 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid Gen. W. D. Dawd who being duly sworn according to law declared that he is well acquainted with Levi Goines of said county and from his general character has no hesitation in saying that he is entitled to full credit upon his oath. That he has recently been requested to examine said Goines relation to his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. That he has examined and conversed with him on that subject at various times and with great particularity and has no doubt that said Goines volunteered in the state of So. Carolina for and during the war and continued in actual service in the Revolutionary war for nearly or quite two years. That he inquired of said Goines when he entered the service. Said he could not tell but it was about the time the British took Charleston that he inquired what was his age now, he said he was ninety years this month. That he discovered he discovered he must have been under twenty one years when Charleston was surrendered to the British, that without making a single interaction to said Goines of that fact (nor can he read a word of history) that he inquired how old he was when he volunteered, to which he replied that he was about nineteen years old, that he then referred to the history of the revolution and found that the time Charleston was surrendered (12th May 1780). Said Goines was about nineteen. That he then inquired what general officers he knew. He said Green [*Nathanael Greene*], Sumpter, Wynn, Lee. That he then inquired what battles he was in. He said he was in but one which was at the Cangaree [sic, Congaree] fort. That he again referred to the history and finds that this fort was called Moltes [sic, Motte's] near the confluence of the Congaree & Santee Rivers. Gen Lee was dispatched to this place. That from these facts together with many other incidents of said war related by said Goines. The conclusion was irresistible that said Goines is one of these Veterans who stood up for his country in the hour of danger and has never yet received a pension. That said Goines with his aged companion are living alone in a very humble condition in life barely able to afford themselves the comforts which their advanced age require. That it is in the universal opinion of all who conversed with him that he was a faithful soldier in the Revolutionary war.

W. D. Dowd

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and was above written.

D Street JP (Seal)

By reference to history I find that the battle of Kings Mountain was fought 7th October 1780 after which Lord Cornwallis left Charlotte and fell back to Winnsboro: the very place and years that Mr. Goines mentions in his declaration

W. C. T.

State of North Carolina
Moore County

On this 16th day of July AD1852 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Duncan M. R. McIntosh Esqr who being duly sworn according to law declare that he has been acquainted with Levi Goines for about twenty five years. That he is a man of good character for truth and veracity. There are but five men whom to be believed upon on their oath than he is. He is reputed to have served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war in the state of South Carolina. That he has no doubt of that fact. He is a man about ninety years of age.

D. M. R. McIntosh

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

Wm Barrett

State of North Carolina
Moore County

I Alexander C. Curry Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the county and state aforesaid do hereby certify that the declaration of Levi Goines hereunto annexed was duly executed and sworn in open court by the identical Levi Goines named in said declaration who is reputed and believed to have been a Revolutionary soldier. I further certify that Duncan Murchison Esq, D.M.R. McIntosh Esq, and Genl W. D. Dowd whose names appear to the annexed certificate are citizens of said county of high standings whose varsity for truth cannot be doubted. Said Murchison is a prominent elder in the Presbyterian Church and each of them have been promoted to distinguished places of trust in their county and state. Said signatures being in their own proper handwriting. I further certify that John C. Jackson, William Barret and Donald Street whose names appear to the annexed certificates of Duncan Murchison, D.M.R. McIntosh and W.D. Dawd were at the time of signing the same acting justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid duly confirmed and qualified accordingly to law and that their signatures to the same are genuine. In testimony wherof I have hereunto affirmed my seal of office and subscribed my name the 6th day of August A.D. 1852

A. C. Curry clerk
Of Moore County Court

Carthage N.C Apr 8th 1853

Dear Sir.

Some months since I presented (through Gen Dockery) to the department the declaration of Levi Goines a soldier in the war of the Revolution asking to be allowed a pension for his services in said war. I stated in my letter that the advanced age and feeble health of the old Veteran presents strong claims to the department for an early investigation. I have waited with great patience and as yet the department has not seen fit to address me on the subject. If there is any informality in the declaration or any lack of testimony that prevents the claim being allowed will the department please to inform me or if it has not yet been investigated or has been allowed and no information given. I ask respectfully to be informed thereof.

Very Respectfully
W. C. Thagard