



Ebenezer Fain was born 27AUG1762 to Nicholas and Elizabeth Taylor Fain in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He and his family migrated to Washington County, Virginia, where he, in 1776, first entered service. In 1778 he moved into what is now Washington County, Tennessee, and lived there until 1783. At this time he and his family moved to the Ninety-Six District, now Pickens District, of South Carolina. Ebenezer lived here until 1792, then moved to Buncombe County, North Carolina. In 1800 his family picked up their belongings once more and moved to Habersham County, Georgia.

Ebenezer married Mary Mercer, and they had the following children; David M. Fain (1782-1852), Margaret Kathryn Fain Witzel Thomas (1786-c1870), Mercer Fain (1789-ca.1872), Elizabeth Fain Trammell (1791-1870), Mary Ann Fain (1794-1881), Sarah Fain Howard (1796-1877), John Samuel Fain (1797-1873), Rebecca Fain Hughes (1801- ca.1875), Polly Ann Fain Harwell (1804-1877).

Ebenezer entered service in Washington County Virginia as militia under Captain James Montgomery in 1776 for a 3 month term under Col. Wm Christian at 14 years old. He served that term at Black's Fort and Montgomery Station. During that time period he was engaged in two battles with Indians, one of which sixteen Indians were killed. He entered a second term under Capt. Wm Trimble and Col. Charles Robertson as a volunteer infantry light horseman in Washington County, North Carolina, now Tennessee in June of 1780. He marched to and remained at Gilbert town, and then joined Col. Charles McDowell's

Regiment. They were marched to the Pacolet River in South Carolina where they were involved in a couple of skirmishes. While near the mouth of Buffalo Creek and on sentry duty, Ebenezer shot a spy by the name of John Franklin and found an express from Lord Cornwallis to a Tory, Capt. Patrick Moore, urging him to hold his position and promised him to be reinforced. With this information in hand, they proceeded to march to Fort Thicketty, where Moore surrendered himself and 100 men to them. After this surrender, they proceeded to march to Musgrove's Mill, on 19AUG1780, to engage the promised reinforcements, which he states that they engaged, and drove back with a considerable loss. Then they proceeded to Wofford's Iron Works where they were engaged with the British commanded by Major Dunlap. During the night they were suddenly charged by the British in which a number were severely wounded with broadswords, including Col. Elijah Clarke of Georgia. After this engagement Ebenezer was placed under the command of Captain Cunningham and attached to Col. Clarke's Regiment. Col. Clarke having heard that Major Patrick Ferguson with a large detachment of British and Tories was marching up the mountains, sent Ebenezer with an express to Col. Sevier and Col. Shelby in Washington County, North Carolina, now Tennessee. Then he returned from them with an express to Col. Clarke. Soon after delivering the express, his term was up and he returned home. In a very short time after his return home, he was encouraged by Col. Swain to serve as a substitute for Jacob Vance. He mustered into service about 15SEP1780, in Washington County, North Carolina, now Tennessee, under Capt. Christopher Taylor and Col. John Sevier. He served as a mounted man, where they marched to Cowpens, South Carolina, where they met Col. William Campbell, of Virginia, Col. Isaac Shelby, Col. Benjamin Cleveland, and Col. James Williams. Then they pursued Major Patrick Ferguson and overtook him at the Battle of King's Mountain on 07OCT1780. Ebenezer states that he was engaged in that battle where he received a wound in the leg. Afterwards he accompanied the Army up through North Carolina to Burke County, where he was discharged. Later, Ebenezer participated with Col. John Sevier in the Battle of Boyds Creek and several battles with the Indians in Tennessee.

On 19FEB1852, Ebenezer's son John filed a claim to report his father's death had taken place on 29DEC1842, and that his mother, Mary Fain, had died 12FEB1846. Both had died in Habersham County, Georgia. Ebenezer has a marker placed at Hot House, Fanning County, Georgia at Hot House Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.



Ebenezer's Siblings:

Priv. Samuel Fain (1763-c1794) Rev. War

Capt. John Fain (1755-1788) Rev. War

David Fain (1756-1808)

Priv. William D. Fain (1757-1815) Rev. War

Thomas Fain (1760-1832)

Elizabeth Fain Evans (1762-1842)

Reuben Fain (c1765-c1825)

**John Clarke R1990**, <http://revwarapps.org/r1990.pdf>

**Benjamin Oliver S11156**, <http://revwarapps.org/s11156.pdf>

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=11290428>

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