

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Vance VAS4803  
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London (Ohio) June 18<sup>th</sup> 1816

His Excellency W. C. Nicholas

Sir, Not knowing who is your Register of the land office or Clerk to the Council and being informed that my old friend Gen'l. Wood [Gov. James Wood BLWt2419-500] has departed this life, induces me to lay aside your elevated station and ask the favor of you to get your Clerk or the Register to give me the following information vizt.

The heir of Ensign John Vance of the Revolutionary War, supposed to be in Colo. Stephenson [Hugh Stephenson VAS4479] Reg't. has never rec'd his depreciation of pay or bounty of land. Ensign Vance enlisted a Soldier under Lieut. James Craig [BLWt428-300] & served in Capt. Knox's [James Knox BLWt1832-400] Comp'y was promoted to an ensign and died in Service in the Southern Army.

The heir lives in this neighborhood and wishes to know whether the books still lie open for him, and what vouchers he must produce to obtain what is due for the services of his dec'd. brother.

We are quite barren of news, have just forgotten our dread of famine from the uncommonly dry Spring & beginning of Summer, by the blessing of a plentiful rain. Crops of small grain will be very light in our state generally.

Peace, has brought our neighboring Indians to hunt daily among us 'tis hard to keep all our people under a tight rein on sight of them, but our treaties compels submission

I long to see my old walks again when my children were nursed at their departed mothers breast two of whom were in our regular Army during our last war.

I have the honor to be with due respect & high esteem

Your Ob't S't/ E. Langham

If any person has drawn for Mr. Vance we should be glad to know who and by what authority