

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Vasser R10916

Transcribed by Will Graves

f18NC

rev'd 2/24/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Georgia Laurens County

On this third day of April personally appeared in open Court before me Lott Warren presiding Judge of the Superior Court in & for said County one of the Counties constituting the Southern Circuit in said State of Georgia, Micajah Vasser resident in the County & State aforesaid aged Seventy-one years who first being 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 7th, 1832. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State, that he entered the Revolutionary war as a Substitute in the latter part of February 1780 at Halifax in the State of North Carolina for three months, under the command of Colonel Allen [James Allen] & General Hogan [James Hogun] Commander and Chief, marched to Tarborough Town; thence to Cross Creek; thence to Charleston South Carolina, on the march to Charleston, got sick, discharged & left latter part of May same year; second tour of Service, volunteered, first of November 1780 under command of Captain Robinson's [Peter Robeson's] Cavalry or light Horse company for nine months but served only five months, marched to Wilmington North Carolina; thence to Georgetown South Carolina, thence to Fair Bluff, Drowning Creek North Carolina, there had a small skirmish with the Tories; thence to Legit's [Legat's] old fields on Rockfish, there had a severe fight [May 13, 1781]¹ with the Tories, got wounded in the right leg which caused an amputation of the same, below the knee, was discharged in the early part of April 1781 – after having partially recovered again joined the same Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Robinson first of September 1781 & continued in Service till the capture of Cornwallis at little York [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], in the meantime after joining Captain Robinson's Cavalry company on the first of September 1781 we scoured about through the Country about Drowning Creek & little Pedee [River], then pursued Cornwallis on his retreat to Wilmington North Carolina & scoured through the Country till the capture of Cornwallis at little York on the 19th of October 1781 was then discharged & went home to his mother's in Halifax County North Carolina; then emigrated to the State of Georgia in 1786 where he has ever since resided. But with regard to any written testimony showing entries or discharges; or any other documents or means of evidence in relation to that period, such a length of time having elapsed that it is quite out of the Power of this deponent at this remote period to effect more satisfactory proofs of his revolutionary services than the statement & certificates here exhibited to the Department. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written in open Court.

S/ Lott Warren, Judge {Seal}

S/ Micajah Vasser, X his mark

[Jordan Baker & Ezekiel Smith, clergyman, give the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_legats_bridge.html

[The following declaration is extremely difficult to decipher—use the following transcription with care.]

State of Georgia, Lawrence County

On this the seventh day of April in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in open Court of the superior Court before Lott Warren the judge of said Court Micajah Vasser of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 under the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war as private Soldier about the last of February 1780. That at the time he entered the service, he resided in Halifax County in North Carolina he entered the service as a Substitute in a Company commanded by a Captain Martin as well as deponent recollects and by a Colonel Allen. That he entered the service for three months and served his term out. General Hogun was the commanding officer during this service. The deponent was marched from Halifax aforesaid to Kingston [sic, Kinston] – after passing through Tarborough and from there to Charleston in South Carolina & there remained until discharged – the company that deponent was in was a drafted company, was in no battle during this service. At the end of this service this deponent went to Fayetteville in North Carolina, and there in the month of October 1780 he again entered the service a volunteer in a cavalry company in which William Daniel commanded as Lieutenant and Peter Robinson commanded as Captain Thomas Robinson Colonel, and [illegible words] by General Marion on scouting parties. This deponent entered the last service for no particular period of time – but remained in the service until the defeat of Cornwallis when he this deponent was discharged from the service – during the last service he was marched from Fayetteville to Georgetown – from there to Wilmington then back to Fayetteville-- in North Carolina above and in and about the surrounding Country – he remained for the balance of the service That during this last service he was in several battles against the Tories in one of which he received a wound in the right leg that made it necessary for this deponent to have his leg cut off which has been done-- he was in a battle at Legget's old field on a Creek called Rock fish near Fayetteville in North Carolina where he received the wound which resulted in the amputation of his leg – during both these services I continued my residence at Halifax County in N. C. where my Mother lived and where I went to where I was discharged from service. This deponent does not remember the precise date when he was discharged from this last service but knows it was in a few days after the capture of Cornwallis – as soon as the [several illegible lines of text] – which date is not now recollected deponent – but hopes it is recorded at the War department. That he hereby relinquishes any Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any of the States or territories in the union. And this deponent states he has no documentary evidence nor no other way to establish his claim to a pension except by his oath and the accompanying certificates of the court –Clerk & Clergyman.

Sworn & described in open court April 7, 1834

S/ Micajah Vasser, X his mark

S/ Lott Warren, Judge

[Joseph R. Hand and Jordan Baker give the standard supporting affidavit.]

[William C. H. Lee gives evidence that Micajah Vasser died in the month of October 1836 and that his widow, Elizabeth Vasser, died May 22, 1840. Their only surviving heirs were Elizabeth Grinsted [? Grinstead], formerly Elizabeth Vasser and Susan Vasser. This affidavit was filed in Laurens County, Ga. On Feb. 8, 1854.]

[Another affidavit in this file contains the statement that Mr. Robert Grinstead married Elizabeth Vasser.]