

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Vaughan R10919

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State of Virginia County of Dinwiddie: SS

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Dinwiddie County now sitting, Ephraim Vaughan a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged sixty-four 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated to wit; That at different periods during the revolutionary war he served under the following Captains of militia companies as a private, to wit Captain John Nicholas – Captain Boswell Goodwyn – & Captain William Lewis, each of whom resided in the County of Dinwiddie, as this applicant then did & ever since has, & from which County his services were performed, having in the [indecipherable word, looks like 'rotine' and possibly intended to be 'routine' or 'rotation'] of numbers when drafted drawn No. 7 & having had to perform a tour of duty of three months, whenever that number was called on from the time when he became sixteen years of age to the termination of the war. That he served several different tours under each of the three Captains aforesaid. He recollects Colonel David Walker having been the Commandant of his Regiment during a portion of his services but cannot now recollect how long – nor can he recall to his recollection the names of the other Colonels – That his services were performed principally in the neighborhood of Appomattox & James Rivers – that he was occasionally at Petersburg – in Chesterfield and the Coal Pits –at Bottoms Bridge below Richmond – & many other positions below Richmond or Petersburg. That at the engagement between the British & the Virginia militia at Broadway [?] he was present & fired, as well as he remembers seven rounds – From that point the company marched with the troops to Babs' old field [Babbs old field] – & from thence to Petersburg, where General Lafayette was in command and where we had a skirmish with the British there under Phillips [William Phillips] & Arnold [Benedict Arnold] where the declarant assisted in firing on Mrs. Bolling's house in which General Philips was believed to be.

The Declarant states that he was in actual service in the militia in the revolutionary war altogether nearly three years, that he was in no engagement other than those above detailed & received no wounds. That he never received any written discharge & has no documentary

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evidence of his services. That he has no written register of his age, but from information always received, he doubts not that it is what he has above represented it. That he was born & has always resided in the County of Dinwiddie, & performed his services in drafts in the Militia from that County. That most of those with whom he served are dead long since,

He the said Ephraim Vaughan 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/ Ephraim Vaughan, X his mark

[Isham S. Hargrove, a clergyman, E. H. Pegram, Nath. Gray and Benj. Johnston gave the standard supporting affidavit attesting that they believe him to be among other things 64<sup>2</sup> years of age.]

State of Virginia in Dinwiddie County

Personally appeared before the justices of the County Court of Dinwiddie in open court this 20th day of May 1833 Ephraim Vaughan who in addition to his former Declaration states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service [several words written over and indecipherable] than he has already done, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than two years and six months, as a private, all the time, for which service he claims a pension. That he finds himself from the loss of memory aforesaid unable to state the names of any regular officers who were with the troops where he served or other Continental or militia regiments in the same service further than he has done – nor can he state the names of any other persons in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character or revolutionary services further than he has Artie done. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ephraim Vaughan, X his mark

Dinwiddie County to wit

Personally appeared in open court Absalom Vaughan<sup>3</sup> of the said County and states on oath that the Declarant & himself served several tours of duty together during the revolutionary war, & consequently that he knows that the said Ephraim Vaughan did perform militia service in the war but he does not personally know of the other services he rendered – or the length of time he served in all – though he has no doubt he served as he has himself stated. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Absalom Vaughan, X his mark

State of Virginia in Dinwiddie County: to wit

On this 31st day of January 1834, personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Dinwiddie, John Flanders<sup>4</sup> a respectable inhabitant of said Dinwiddie County aged seventy-six years, who being duly sworn, according to law, depose and saith, that sometime in the summer of the year 1778 Ephraim Vaughan and himself

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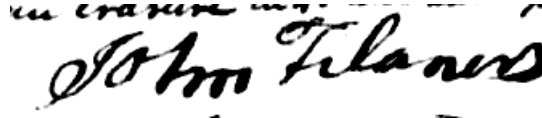
<sup>2</sup> If the veteran was truly 64 years of age at the time he made his application, that would mean he was born in 1768. If he in fact did not enter the service until he was 16 years of age, that he would not have entered the service until 1784, a date after the end of the revolution.

<sup>3</sup> [Absalom Vaughan W6343](#)

<sup>4</sup> [John Flanders S10675](#)

were called into the service of the Country in the Army of the revolution the said Ephraim Vaughan as a private in Captain John Nicholas' Company and Colonel Joseph Jones' Regiment of Virginia militia, and during which term of service the said Ephraim Vaughan and himself were in the battle which was fought between the Americans and British at Hoods on James River in the State aforesaid, and that the said Ephraim Vaughan continued in the said service as a soldier for and during the space of six months, and that the said Ephraim Vaughan and himself were, during the said term of six months, in the battle fought between the contending armies at Petersburg on the Appomattox River in the said state. And afterwards, to wit – in the year 1779 the said Ephraim Vaughan was again called into, and entered the service of our country as a private in Captain William Lewis' Company of Virginia Militia (believed to be in Colonel David Walker's Regiment) but what length of time the said Ephraim Vaughan continued in this last tour of duty, this deponent cannot with entire certainty say, but he understood and believes that the said Ephraim Vaughan continued in the said last term of service at least six months, he does not recollect the precise time that the said Vaughan was called out to serve in the tour last above mentioned, but believes it was in the early part of the year. – Also that he has no doubt, but on the other hand, from reports and circumstances he believes that the said Vaughan did serve in the Army of the Revolution as he has stated in his declaration dated the 20th day of May 1833 and 15th of October 1832 – he has known the said Ephraim Vaughan from his youth, that he always understood the said Ephraim Vaughan was born in the County of Dinwiddie, and knows that he has resided there in from his first acquaintance with him except when he was in the service of the country or casually out of the same –

S/ John Flanders

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Flanders". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.