

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Vickers R10938

Anne Vickers

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this 29 day of August 1853 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions open & held for the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina at the Court House in Rutherford, John Vickers & Benjamin Hale Administrators, son and son in law of Anne Vickers deceased widow of John Vickers deceased a soldier of the Revolution a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 65 years who being first duly sworn according to law said John Vickers aforesaid doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the laws in behalf of Widows of soldiers of the Revolutionary War passed July 7th 1838, March 3rd 1843, June 17th 1844, and February 2nd 1848. From loss of memory he will not be able to comply with all the rules prescribed by the President and Secretary of War the 17 July 1838. He recollects hearing his Father say when he entered the service he was a resident of the County of Wilkes North Carolina, that he entered as a volunteer or was drafted for ten months, he frequently heard his father say that after serving his term of ten months, he served a long time, if he mistakes not, he has heard him say that he served during the War a number of years, he thinks he entered the service in the year 1779 was with the American Army in South Carolina at the siege and surrender of Charleston [May 12, 1780], in the North Carolina Militia, he thinks, – he heard his Father say that he was in various skirmishes with the British, he knows he often heard him say he was in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], belonged to the company commanded by Captain Lanier perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify William Lenoir].

After his discharge from the Army, he resided in Rowan County where he married the Mother of deponent, about the year 1787 or 1788 the Bible containing the record was burnt in the house of his Sister Margaret which was burnt in this County about the year 1820 – if there is any other record in existence of the marriage of his Father John Vickers to his Mother he does not know, his Mother's maiden name was Anne Ervin,

He further states that his Father died the 7th day of May 1829 in the County and State aforesaid aged about 67 years – his mother Anne Vickers survived him and died in this County of Rutherford North Carolina the 14th day of May 1853 – having never married after her husband died, remaining a Widow to the day of her death aged upwards of 90 years.

The accompanying letter from the Presbyterian Session of the capture of Bethany in Rowan County North Carolina is sent to be filed as testimony that the Session of that Church considered them Man & Wife – before the year 1790.

Other papers are here with sent of traditionary character, proving the said John Vickers

deceased to have been a soldier of the revolution which he desires filed as proof of being a Revolutionary Soldier and the husband of Anne Vickers deceased as aforesaid.

He further declares that he understood his Father to say that he was a private Soldier of the War only.

S/ John Vickers

S/ B. Hayle

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This certifies that the bearer John Vickers & Anne his wife have lived in this congregation several years [paper damaged and several words obliterated] succeeding Fall 1791 at which time they removed; that their conduct was regular & inoffensive, that they were both admitted to receive the ordinance of baptism for their children & She to the Lords Table; nor is there anything known to us that may hinder their admission to the [indecipherable word] ordinances of the gospel in any religious society with which they may choose to associate.

Given at Bethany, this 10th of January 1793, with consent of Session, by

S/ Jas. Hall, V. D. M. [James Hall]

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and to succeeding Fall 1791 at which time they removed; that their conduct was regular & inoffensive, that they were both admitted to receive the ordinance of baptism for their children & she to the Lords table; nor is there anything known to us that may hinder their admission to the following ordinances of the gospel in any religious society with which they may choose to associate.
Given at Bethany, this 10th of Jan^y 1793, with consent of Session, by Jas Hall V. D. M.

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I William J Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my Office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit:

"John Vickers."

Volume C, entry 2362 £20 .12 .0 Specie

Allowed by Auditors of Hillsboro District August 1782.

Indent No. 8016 issued by Auditors of Halifax District February 22nd, 1783 £8.10 Specie

Ditto Auditors of Hillsboro District September the 9th 1783 No. 40352 £13.13 .0 Specie

Ditto No. 6932 October 6, 1784 £7.8.0 Specie

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Office this April 12th 1854

S/ William J Clarke, Comptroller

[p 10: On February 6, 1856 in Burke County North Carolina, John Anderson gave testimony that John Vickers, son of John Vickers a revolutionary war soldier is dead – date of death not stated.]

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this 27th day of August 1853 personally appeared before me John Gilkey a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina William Camp a resident of the County and State aforesaid about aged 82 years who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath says that he was for thirty years acquainted with John Vickers deceased and his Wife Anne living in the immediate neighborhood of them for many years, so near as to exchange labor with each other as neighbors all want to do, he states during their acquaintance he often listened with interest to the tale of Vickers services in the War of the Revolution he recollects of him often relate [sic] the circumstance of being on guard one night in some part of South Carolina at a point where that portion of the American troops had been much annoyed with Tories headed by a leader of the name of McGirth at the time Vickers was on guard McGirth was stealthily advancing upon the guard, he had instructions to hail 3 times, in this instance he hailed once and fired, McGirth fell and died of the wound, he states that John Vickers was ever considered a patriot and soldier of the Revolutionary War, never – never heard it disputed – He further states that he deponent's brother John Camp was a soldier of the same service he has frequently heard his said brother and John Vickers converse upon the subject one would mention circumstances that took place in camp that was recollected by the other, he recollects that he heard his Brother and John Vickers speak of a requisition made for aid from the portion of the Army to which they belonged in the South by General Greene [probably Nathanael Greene], and that his Brother and Vickers marched on to Guilford Court House, both his brother and Vickers must from the conversation passed in his hearing been at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] all of which deponent believes as John Vickers was a man of truth, as also was his brother John Camp, and is disinterested.

S/ William Camp, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

On this 2nd day of July 1853 personally appeared before me J. Gilkey Justice of the peace within and for the County of Rutherford & State of North Carolina James Cherry a resident of the County of Rutherford & State aforesaid aged about seventy-seven years – who being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath says that he was well acquainted with John Vickers a reputed Soldier of the Revolution who removed from Rowan County North Carolina to this County since the year 1795 – perhaps a few years before that date – until his death, which was about twenty-four years ago – he states that he had often heard him speak of his service in the Revolution, on one occasion going with said John Vickers with a team to Charleston, he drew the attention of deponent to a swamp about twenty miles N.W. of Charleston South Carolina near a small village named Dorchester where he stated he and the Company he Vickers was with lay many a night – he further told deponent that he and the Company had a fight with the British at Dorchester, he states that he did not understand the soldier to say that the main Army was there, but that he was one of a scouting party at the scrimmage of Dorchester, he heard him speak of several engagements that he was in, but from loss of memory cannot speak positively – he is sure that he spoke of being at Kings Mountain at the Battle, – he further states that he was living a near neighbor to said John Vickers from the year 1795 to his death and that it was conceded by all that knew said John Vickers that he was a revolutionary soldier, he states that he was acquainted with the wife of the said John Vickers her name was Anne – was acquainted with her from 1795 to her death which was in May 1853, he states that said John Vickers and his wife Anne had several children when he became acquainted with them, that they were several children of the said John & Anne now living in the neighborhood with whom he is well acquainted – the oldest of whom is now about 65 years of age, and older than he, being dead, that he did not see them married as they were married as he understood and believes in Rowan County North Carolina, and deponent was a resident of this County. – But that every person who knew them never entertained an idea other than that they were man & wife, he further states he is disinterested.

S/ Jas. Cherry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jas Cherry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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North Carolina Rutherford County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Fall Term 1854

"It has been satisfactorily proven in Court, that the only surviving children and heirs of law of John Vickers a Revolutionary soldier who died in Rutherford County North Carolina and his wife Anne Vickers who died recently in Rutherford County the names are as follows, James Vickers, William Vickers, Ervin Vickers, Alexander R Vickers, Elijah N Vickers, and Mary Hale (Alexander R Vickers and William Vickers reside in the West) they may be living or not."

In testimony of which I R. L. Gilky clerk of said Court, certify the foregoing is a true copy of the record in my office from under my hand and seal of office the 5th day of December A.D. 1854.

S/ R. L. Gilkey, Clk.