

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Vickers R10939

Elizabeth Vickers f22NC

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State of Illinois Hamilton County: SS:

On this twenty eighth day of March 1849 before the Subscribers two of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for said County at a Special Term of our said Court in open Court in and for said County personally appeared Elizabeth Vickers a resident of said County aged sixty-seven years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the 29th of July 1848 that she is the widow of James Vickers who was a private in the Revolutionary War in the North Carolina Militia in the Company commanded by Captain Harris and if not mistaken in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams in the latter part of the War with Great Britain and also a tour of three months as a Ranger under Captain Wallace -- and she further states that she was married to the above named James Vickers sometime in October 1799 in Sevier County in the State of Tennessee by Esquire Andrew Cowan and by a license and her name before marriage was Elizabeth Mowery -- and that the said Vickers her husband died on the 20th day of May 1840 -- that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the 2nd day of January 1800 viz. at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written.

S/ Elizabeth Vickers, X her mark

S/ John G. Millspaugh

S/ Henry J. Williams

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State of Illinois Hamilton County: SS

On this 17th day of October in the year 1853 personally appeared before me Eli Smith a Justice of the peace duly authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes within and for said County Elisabeth Vickers a resident citizen of the County of Hamilton, State of Illinois aged seventy-one years on the first day of September of this instant 1853, to me well known her statements being entitled to the fullest of credit, a lady highly respectable, and upon being duly sworn for that purpose on her oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain a pension for the Revolutionary Service of her husband, James Vickers, deceased, agreeable to several acts of Congress as the facts of her case may authorize the application of to her case, and under the

act of the 3rd February 1853, and of ___ 1848. She is the identical Elisabeth Vickers, who some [time ago] applied for a Revolutionary Pension, heretofore through the aid of Joshua P. Barrett of Mount Vernon in Illinois, which application she now would have this now application made a part thereof and filed together; and considered of all in connection, She would further state that the said James Vickers her deceased husband made an application¹ for a Revolutionary pension some time before his death, he lived in White County Illinois, the time of his application not now exactly recollected but believed to be not far from 1835 or thereabout. The papers are most likely on file in the Pension Office and is prayed now by her to make a part of this Declaration and all considered of together, Her husband was most certainly a Revolutionary Soldier as such was his consistent history from Declarant's first acquaintance with him, and served in the Revolutionary war under Captain Harris, and Lieutenant Gibbs, and under and subject to General Ash [John Ashe] at some period for all his service; as to the periods of his service in the war and particulars she relies mostly on his Declaration. She recollects her husband being as he used to say at or near the Battle of Brier Creek / and spoke much of Colonel Williams and of the doctoring his wounded horse wounded in Battle, she thinks near or on Savannah River, She understood her husband to have served about nine months three months of which he was a spy!!

She has no record of her marriage to said soldier, but to her undoubted calculation she was married to her said husband on the 18th day of October 1799 in Sevier County East Tennessee, by Andrew Cowan or Cowin, a Justice of the peace, Declarant's husband's oldest child John Vickers, being the oldest child of seven, born of the soldiers first wife, whose maiden name was Polly Johnson; Her said husband's oldest child John Vickers, was only eighteen months younger than Declarant, Declarant cannot give the County of her husband's residence in time of the Revolutionary War at this time; holy relies on his papers now on file as to them particulars, Declarant would say her husband was a good [one or more words too faint to discern] highest man, a Baptist preacher before Declarant married him, respected always as a soldier died in the esteem of his acquaintances generally, he died in Hamilton County State of Illinois on the 20th day of May 1840. That she is still his widow, Declarant is nearly blind and lives nearly sixteen miles from the courthouse of the County of Hamilton; and is unable to attend court from bodily infirmity, She praised a Pension, under the laws above referred to, and such other law as may fairly apply to her case, for at least so much as may appear to be just and right referring the whole matter to the constituted of sorry to sell [sic, settle?] on her what day may think right, she has no documentary evidence of her husband's service nor all the facts set forth in this Declaration, in any of the particulars as to her marriage, nor of the death of her husband. Her maiden name before her marriage was Maury.

S/ Elisabeth Vickers, X her mark

[attested by Eli Smith, JP]

¹ There is no application in this file given by James Vickers. Additionally, I can find no evidence of an application filed by any one named James Vickers which might have been misfiled elsewhere in the pension records although that is not to say that such might yet surface.