

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Vickers R10942

Nancy Vickers

f41VA

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County of Lincoln State of Tennessee

On this 27th day of July 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Lincoln (which is made a court of record by the laws of the State & proceeding according to the Course of the Common law, with jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings) John Vickers resident in said County aged 87 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820. That he enlisted for the term of three years as well as he now recollects in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia Prince William County in the Company commanded by Thomas Ewell [Thomas Winder Ewell] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson [George Gibson] in the line of the State of Virginia, Muhlenberg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until April 1783 when he was discharged from the service at little York in the State of Virginia. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State ^{except Virginia} & that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. He did some time since make application – he could not reconcile to himself to make application to this country for assistance so long as he could by his industry & economy support himself in any sort of decency & comfort

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

one cow & calf

1 sow & 4 shoats

His occupation is a farmer – he is from his age and infirmity unable to pursue it, his family are 7 in number viz.

John Vickers aged 17

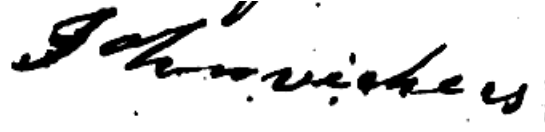
Elijah Vickers aged 14

Julia Vickers aged 13

Eliza Vickers aged 11
Zebulon Vickers aged 10
himself & wife

no change has been made in my property since the 18th of March 1818 except such as are caused by the death of my stock &c.

S/ John Vickers



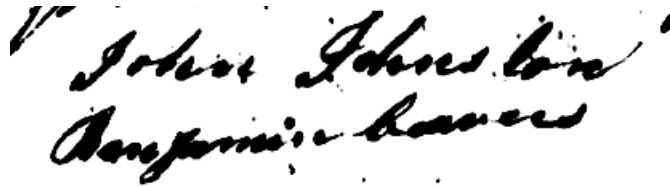
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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

This day personally appeared John Johnston¹ and Benjamin Beavers² before me John Clark one of the Justices of the Peace for said County and made oath that they were acquainted with John Vickers the person now before us in the Revolutionary war, and that he did belonged to Colonel George Gibson's Regiment and Captain Thomas Ewell's Company and that he did enlist for during the war and that we did serve with him for three years from about '76 to '79, then we were discharged at Philadelphia and returned home we verily believe that the said John Vickers marched with General Greene [Nathanael Greene] to the South and when Cornwallis landed in Little York we were drafted and obliged to go into service again and when we arrived at little York we there met with the said John Vickers again, and after the Siege was over [October 19, 1781] we returned home and the said John Vickers sent a letter to his friends by us for he had to go to Portsmouth and we saw no more of him until 1783 and then he came home and lived with one of these affiants (Benjamin Beavers) in Prince William County Virginia, and his discharge was burnt in the house of the said Beavers which was an honorable discharge and he always bore the name of a great soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July 1831

S/ John Clark, JP



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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

This day personally appeared John Watkins³ before me Abram Isaacs an acting Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid & made oath that he was acquainted with John Vickers in the revolutionary war in the year 1778, he does not know when said Vickers entered the service but believes it was in 1777. Said Vickers (during the time said Watkins knew him) belonged to Colonel Lee's Regiment – afterwards Colonel Ellison's [sic, probably a reference to

¹ Perhaps the same man as [John Johnston S1958](#)

² [Benjamin Beavers VAS2443](#)

³ I could not find a man by this name or any similar name who filed for a federal pension for service in the revolution.

Lt. Col. John Allison's] Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Ewell that said Vickers was together with himself regularly discharged at York in April 1783, but what time in the month he does not now recollect & that he knows that John Vickers who is applying for a pension to be the same man;

S/ John Watkins, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before made this __ day of __ 1831

S/ Abram Isaacs, JP

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: This day personally appeared Anthony Mullins⁴ before me John Clark an acting justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid and made oath that John Vickers served in the Revolutionary war in the Virginia line in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson or Elliston in the winter of 1778 as he now thinks, but at what time he entered the service or at what time & in what manner he was discharged said Mullins does not know.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 5th day of October 1830

S/ John Clark, JP

S/ Anthony Mullins, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: February the 11th 1823 [? could be 1822, 1823, or 1833⁵]

I John Vickers aged eighty years on the 2nd of April next do upon oath testify and declare that I entered the service of the United States sometime early in the summer of 1777 as well as now recollected for and during the War and continued in the service until the close of the War and was discharged the 13th of April 1783 which discharge was burned so that I am now deprived of its benefit. I entered the service under Charles Ewel [Charles Ewell] Lieutenant and was soon after my enlistment put under the command of Captain Thomas Ewel [Thomas Winder Ewell] who was attached to Colonel George Gibson's Regiment & remained under the command of Colonel Gibson for about three years when the most of his Regiment was either discharged or attached to other regiments sometime in December 1779. I was attached to General Greene's Regiment at Philadelphia and was marched to the South and remained in the southern and middle states until I was discharged at Little York Virginia on the 13th of April 1783 as will more fully appear by reference to my Application now on file in the Pension Office for a Pension and which I beg to be examined as proof of my application for Bounty Land &c I entered the service as a private and was discharged as such.

I further declare that I have never received a Warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to any person whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above mentioned.

S/ John Vickers

⁴ [Anthony Mullen \(Mullins, Mullens\) W8280](#)

February the 11th 1833

[p 9: On January 6, 1845 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Nancy Vickers, aged about 70 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Vickers a revolutionary war pensioner under the 1832 act; that she married him June 10, 1792; that he died March 7th, 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 3: On May 17 1845 in Warren County Tennessee, William Mullican gave testimony that he is the brother of Nancy Vickers and was present at the marriage of John Vickers now deceased to his sister Nancy Mullican in Greenville County South Carolina [written over and could be North Carolina]; that affiant's eldest son John was born the 18th day of November 1791 and he distinctly recollects that the marriage of his sister took place in the month of June succeeding the said 18th of November 1791; it is his recollection that the Reverend Jonathan Desone [?]⁶] conducted the ceremony; that affiant has examined his father's family record and that it does not contain the date of the marriage only the births and deaths of his children; that the record of his father's is in the possession of his brother John and the first child of John Vickers and Nancy Vickers is shown to be 28th of August 1793. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 21: William Mullican gave testimony on December 19, 1844 in Lincoln County Tennessee that he was present at the marriage of Nancy Mullican to John Vickers about the year 1792 and Greenville County South Carolina. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 20, 1831 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

Rev Jonathan Desone

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Addendum to John Vickers R10942

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). This document is indexed as Vickers, John, but the name in the document looks like John Viccass.]

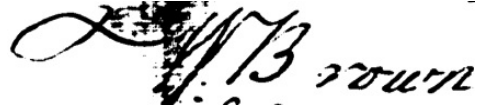
This may certify that John Viccass has served as a soldier in the 1st State reg't from 1st Day Feb'y 1777 to the 31st day December 1782.

Given under my hand

Richm'd Ap'1 25th 1783

W. Brown [Windsor Brown BLWt1816-300]

S. Troops

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. Brown', with a large, decorative flourish at the beginning.