

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sampson Vickery R10943

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The State of Mississippi Yalobusha County: SS

On this 6 day of September A.D. 1841 personally appeared before the Probate Court of said County & State in open court Sampson Vickery a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-three years the first of last December 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 by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

I volunteered in the County of Randolph North Carolina under Captain Thomas Dougan in the year 1782. There was two Companies out in service at that time. I was out and the Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Dougan¹. There was with us occasionally an officer of the regular Army Major Anthony Sharp². I was in a battle at or near the raft Swamp against Colonel Fanning's [David Fanning's] force in which my Captain Dougan was taken prisoner after which I served under Captain William Gray.³ I do not recollect the number of my company or Regiment. I was in another battle at Spring Creek in Randolph County North Carolina and several other battles. I cannot now recollect how many at times a Captain Gholson [probably Charles Gholson or Goldston] and a Captain Daniel Gillespie and Captain William York of Guilford County North Carolina was with us. I was with the Regiment under Colonel Dougan in North Carolina until Colonel Fanning and his company were driven from the Country. I was discharged at the house of Colonel William Sharp in Randolph County North Carolina and received a discharge from Captain William Gray. I was in the service three months and always after my discharge held myself in readiness to take the field again at a moment's warning until the close of the Revolution. My discharge I have long since lost.

Q. 1. Where & in what year were you born?

A. in Guilford County North Carolina on the 1st December 1757

Q. 2. Have you any record of your age if so where is it?

A. I have none

Q. 3. Where were you living when you volunteered or was called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

A. I lived in Randolph County North Carolina a few years after the close of the war I removed to Greenville District South Carolina where I lived 2 years, I then moved to Buncombe County North Carolina where I lived some 18 or 19 years, then I removed to Habersham County in the

¹ [James Dougan S3306](#)

² [Anthony Sharp \(Sharpe\) R5366](#)

³ [William Gray W7576](#)

State of Georgia where I lived until the 25th of December 1838 when I moved to Jefferson County Alabama and there lived about 11 months and from that place removed to Yalobusha County Mississippi where I now live in 1837 Colonel Thomas J Rusk undertook to obtain my pension but before he completed the undertaking he went to Texas.

Q. 4. How were you called into service?

A. I volunteered

Q. 5. State the names of some of the Officers who were with the troops where you served & the service you were in.

A. I have given in my foregoing statement the names of the officers that I now recollect and the general service I was in.

Q. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so by whom was it given or signed, & what has become of it?

A. I received a discharge from the service signed by Captain William Gray, which I have lost

Q. 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

A. John Robbins, Bayless Nations

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Sampson Vickery, X his mark

[John Robbins, a clergyman, and Bayless Nations gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Gilmer County:

Came before me D. Quillian a Justice of the Peace for said County William Reed Senior who being duly sworn saith on oath that he was acquainted with Sampson Vickery in the Revolution war and that he was present when he joined the Army as a volunteer on the 24th of March, and Deponent believes in the year 1782 under Captain Dugan and Dugan being taken this Deponent believes the command fell on Lieutenant Gray and Deponent believes that the said Vickery served out his Tower [tour] and got a discharge.

S/ Wm Reed, Senr.



[Attested October 13, 1837]

Georgia Habersham County:

Personally came before me Jeremiah Taylor an acting Justice of the peace for said County James Blair⁴ and after being sworn in due form of law saith that he knew of his own knowledge that Sampson Vickery served a tower of three months in the Revolutionary Service in Randolph County North Carolina and their station was near bills[?] mill⁵ and that they served together under the following officers James Dugan Colonel Thomas Dugan Major and William Gray

⁴ [James Blair S22125](#)

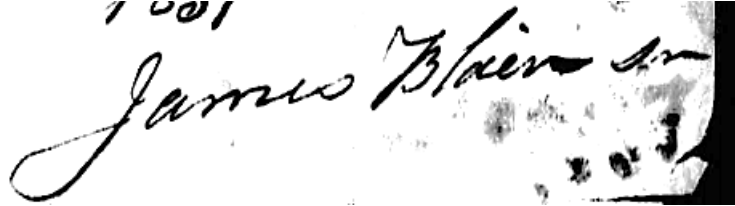
⁵ Bills mill

Captain and another company commanded by William York and that said two companies was called out at that time in consequence of Depredations committed by the British and Tories on the inhabitants of that Country to wit murdered Colonel Belfor and Captain Bryan and burnt Houses immediately in that neighborhood the exact time this service was rendered he cannot recollect owing to his house being burnt and his own discharge being burnt in it – but it was near the close of the Revolutionary War some of the above events together with many others which was committed in that neighborhood was by a noted Tory by the name of Fannon [David Fanning] and his crew.

Sworn to & subscribed September the first 1837.

S/ J. Taylor, JP

S/ James Blair, Senior

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Blair, Senior". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. Above the signature, the number "1001" is written in a similar cursive style. The signature is partially obscured by a dark, irregular shape on the right side, which appears to be a shadow or a mark on the original document.

[A note in the file indicates the application was rejected based on the fact that the veteran did not meet the criteria of having served 6 months in active duty.]