

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Vinson R10949

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State of Illinois McLean County: SS

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1833 personally appeared William Vinson in open Court – before the County Commissioners (being a court of Record of McLean) County now sitting – aged – sixty-eight 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 7, 1832 that – he entered – the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I entered the Service of the United States in the year 1781 under the command of General Retherford [Griffith Rutherford] – Colonel William Lofton – Mager [Major] Harris – Captain Harris and Lieutenant Harris. I entered the Service near the last of August under the command of the before named officers and served a three Months tower [tour] of duty, immediately after I joined the Regiment – or Army we were marched through the Sandy Country of Pedee in order to still the Tories in that part who were frequently committing depredations and outrages on the Whigs, of all that part of North Carolina and on our march through various parts of that State we were generally going through the different Tory neighborhood – and many of our Scouting Parties had frequent Scrimmages with the Tories and some blood shed – on both sides – But the British having possession of Wilmington we therefore struck a line of march for that place and on our line of march we passed through Elizabeth town on the Cape Fear [River] and we continued our march until we came to the North East fork of Cape Fear to a place known by the name of the long bridge. This place was called 12 miles to Wilmington and on this Bridge there was Sentinel guards by the British and by us kept up for some time – and we continued thereabouts until we heard that Lord Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] and the British left Wilmington. Shortly after this fact we were disbanded – and received discharges which [occurred] in the month of December 1781 but it being thought dangerous for us to return home without our guns we were allowed to carry our guns with us but I being upwards of one hundred seventy miles from home I could not reach home until the month last December in said year and for my Services I received nothing in return.

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

(Interrogatories)

Where and in what year were you born – I was born in Wake County North Carolina in the year 1766 –

Have you any record of your age. I have no record of my age but have it by Tradition and so have kept it.

Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war – I lived when called into service in Montgomery County North Carolina from thence to wake County from thence to Madison County Kentucky from thence Montgomery County Kentucky then Adair County Kentucky, from thence Madison County Illinois from thence to same woman County in Illinois from thence to McLean County Illinois where I now live.

How were you called into service were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom – I voluntarily substituted in the place of Aaron Mathis and thus was called into service.

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services – as to the Names of the officers with whom I was acquainted in the service I have stated them above General Rutherford &c but as to the different Regiments to distinguish them by name I have no recollection, and as to the general circumstances of my Services I can only state that my officers were bold and courageous and I endeavored to obey their commands but the whole campaign was a scene of suffering as we drew no meal nor flour nor salt and we ate our beef without any and for a substitute of bread we gabled [sic?] Sweet potatoes out of the Tories patches and otherwise so as to support [ourselves] upon

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 good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution – for positive evidence I referred you to William McGhee and traditionary evidence I refer you to James H Scott and John P. Glenn who can testify on that subject –

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has become of it – I received a discharge from my Colonel but do not know what has become of it.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

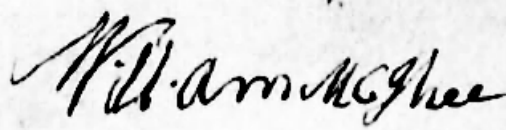
S/ William Vinson



I William McGhee residing in the County of McLean and State of Illinois do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Vinson who has sworn to the foregoing declaration and that I served with him a 3 month tower of duty in the revolution war and do further swear that I personally know that he served as he states in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid

S/ William McGhee<sup>1</sup>



[James K Scott, a clergyman, and John P Glenn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [William McGhee S33068](#)