

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Vinson R10952

Rebecca Vinson

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State of North Carolina Northampton County

On this the 28th day of October A.D. 1851 personally appeared before me the Chairman of the County Court of Northampton County State of North Carolina Rebecca Vinson a resident of said County and state aged seventy-two 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 29th July 1848 or any other act under which she may be entitled: That she is the widow of William Vinson who was a private in the Continental service in the Revolutionary War of 1776 between the United States and Great Britain, that he enlisted at the beginning of the war for 5 years and served his term with General Nath'l Green [Nathanael Greene] in North and South Carolina and after a recess was drafted in the North Carolina Militia and there remained until the close of the war, and that he was with General Washington at Yorktown Virginia. She further declares that she was married to the said William Vinson on or about the 10th day of October in the year 1798 and that her husband the aforesaid William Vinson died on or about the 10th day of February 1821 and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 2nd of January 1800 the is at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow and that she never before made an application for a pension, and also that there is no record of said marriage with the said William Vinson, but which will however appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed.

S/ Rebecca Vinson, X her Mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written

S/ Will Barrow,

Chairman of the County Court Northampton County NC

[p 10: On October 28, 1851 in Northampton County North Carolina, Benjamin Stevenson and Redman Vinson residents of Northampton County gave testimony that they are all well acquainted with Rebecca Vinson widow of William Vinson; that Rebecca married William Vinson in Northampton County on the 10th of October 1798; that they were married by John Barnes a Baptist preacher; that her name prior to her marriage was Rebecca Gatlin; that she is still the widow of William Vinson; that the affiants were close neighbors of William and Rebecca Vinson and have often heard him describe his services as stated by his widow in her application. The relationship, if any, of Redman Vinson to the veteran is not stated.]

[p 13: On December 23, 1852 in Northampton County North Carolina, Micajah Butler of said County gave testimony that he believes William and Rebecca Vinson were married about the year 1798 as he, the affiant was married in the same year and affiant has a son Micajah who is going on 53 years old; that the affiant has not The family record.]

[p 2: On February 9th 1852 in Northampton County North Carolina, Benjamin Stevenson and Charles Gatling gave testimony that they are aged respectively 69 and 72 years; all residents of Northampton County; have been well acquainted with William and Rebecca Vinson; that William has always had the reputation of being a revolutionary soldier; that William Vinson if living would be about 91 or 92 years old; that from the best of their recollection his hair and eyes were of a dark color, his height they think was about 5 feet 10 inches and always understood that William Vinson came from Franklin County North Carolina; that William Vincent was a very illiterate man and No family record; that William and Rebecca had the following children: Jesse now living aged 53, Robert living aged 49, Alesy living aged 46, Lucy living aged 42, William living aged 34, Elizabeth living aged 29, and Charles did without children. The relationship, if any, of the affiants to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office November 28, 1851

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:

William Vinson

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| Book Number 23, page 57 | £8.18 specie |
| " " " " 56 | £8 " |
| " G, " 26 | £40.10 |

Indent No. 743 Halifax Auditors of military accounts September 1, 1781 £18.5 specie

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office, the day & year above written

S/ William J Clarke, Comptroller

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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 by an original Roll deposited in this office, entitled "A Descriptive List of Drafts and Substitutes received by Major Thomas Hogg, August 1st 1782" as follows:

"William Vinson, Franklin County, enlisted for 1 ½ years, substitute, color of eyes dark, hair dark age 20 years, height 5 feet 9 ¼ inches, Occupation a farmer."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 2nd day of February 1852

S/ William J Clarke, Comptroller