

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Vaughan S14754

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Virginia to wit

At a Court held for the County of Charlotte on Tuesday the 6th day of April in the year of our Lord 1830.

On this 6th day of April 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County William Vaughan aged about eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress the 8th of March 1818 and first May 1820, –

That the said William Vaughan enlisted for the term of two years on the 5th of February 1776 under the command of Captain John Brent whose company belonged to the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel James Read of the Virginia line and afterwards by Colonel Robert Lawson on the Continental Establishment that he continued in the service of the United States until the 5th of February 1778 when he was discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by General Charles Scott who signed his discharge which he kept until a few years past which is now lost. That he has now no other evidence of his services than the affidavits of Loyd Portwood [Lloyd Portwood]¹ and Joseph Hailey² hereunto annexed that he marched first from Charlotte to Suffolk in Virginia from thence to Portsmouth from thence by water to the head of Elk [River] in Maryland where he served most of his time in the Light Infantry. He was in a skirmish first with the enemy at a place called Quibble Town [June 22, 1777]³ in the State of New Jersey and his company was then under the command of Colonel Charles Scott afterwards General Scott he was in the action at Brandywine [September 11, 1777]; He thinks his company was then under the command of Major Dark [William Darke], He was in the action at Germantown [October 4, 1777], thinks his company was under the command of General Robert Lawson in that engagement. He recollects that Generals Stephens [Edward Stevens] and Lawson commanded Brigades. 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

¹ [Lloyd \(Loyd\) Portwood W1929](#)

² [Joseph Hailey W7686](#)

³ Quibble Town is now the New Market section of Piscataway New Jersey.

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

Schedule of my Estate

238 acres of poor land valued at this time at not more than one dollar per acre
7 head of cattle valued at \$20.00
9 head of sheep valued at 16.00
one Gray horse valued at 5.00
Plantation tools and Household furniture 26.00
Debts due from me at this time above my means of payment except from the sale of the above: about \$223. And for which debt my land stands bound by deed of trust were executed by me and of record in this Court.

Signed

William Vaughan

Names of my Family

Patty Vaughan (my wife) aged about 65 years
myself aged about 80 years (a farmer)

Signed

William Vaughan

And the said William Vaughan also introduced in Court affidavit of Loyd Portwood taken before this Court the 7th day of November 1820 in these words "Loyd Portwood deposed and said that the said William Vaughan did serve in the Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment more than nine months at one time, that he entered the service on or about the 5th of February 1776 under the command of Captain John Brent in the 4th Regiment" And the court doth certify that the said Loyd Portwood is a credible witness. And the said William Vaughan also introduced an affidavit of Joseph Hailey in these words "Halifax County SS September 2nd 1820. This day Joseph Hailey came before me Samuel Pointer a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that William Vaughan of the County of Charlotte aged about seventy-one years did serve in the Revolutionary war on the Continental Establishment more than nine months at one time – that he entered the service on or about the 5th day of February 1776 under the command of Captain John Brent in the fourth Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson. That he continued in the service of the United States until about 5th February 1778 at which time he was discharged by General Charles Scott. Given under my hand and seal this day above written.

S/ Samuel Pointer, JP {Seal}

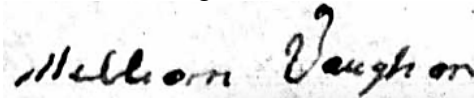
Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

On this 20th day of October, 1837, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in the County of Charlotte and State aforesaid, William Vaughan, a resident of said County and State, aged about 87 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the County of Charlotte, his place of residence, on the 5th day of February 1776, under Captain John Brent for the term of two years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded first by

Colonel Isaac Read, and afterwards by Colonel Robert Lawson and General Stevens – Shortly after enlistment, he thinks the 15th or 20th of February, 1776, he was made a Sergeant in Captain Brent's Company, and continued to serve as such until the 5th of February, 1778, at which time his term expired: That he was discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by General Charles Scott in which discharge it was stated that he was a Sergeant; the said discharge he kept for many years after his return from the Army, but it has been unfortunately lost or mislaid. That he marched first from Charlotte to Suffolk in Virginia, where the company remained a few days, from thence to Portsmouth, from thence by water to the head of Elk in Maryland – That the first engagement he had with the enemy, was at a place called Qibletown [Quibble Town], or some such name, in the State of New Jersey – Colonel Scott (afterwards General Scott) commanded the Regiment on that occasion. He was also engaged in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown. Major Dark, he thinks, commanded the Regiment at Brandywine, and General Lawson at Germantown. He recollects that General Lawson and General Stevens commanded Brigades on that occasion. That in the month of April, 1830, he applied for a Pension under the Act of Congress of March 18th 1818, but did not draw until sometime afterwards. That a Pension Certificate was granted him, under which he has drawn to the 4th of September last – That at the time of drafting said Declaration, he forgot or neglected to state that he was Sergeant as set forth in this Declaration. That he refers to former declaration for evidence of service, as well as the testimony of accompanying the present. That he wishes to become a Pensioner of the United States under the Act of June, 1832, and hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension under the Act of March 18th 1818.

S/ William Vaughan



[Attested by Giles Harris, JP]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 14th day of June 1784, in the name of William Vaughan as a Sergeant of Infantry for £15.14.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Collier and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
23rd day of October 1837.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR


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Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify that William Vaughan of Charlotte early in the spring of 1776, enlisted under Captain John Brent for the term of two years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution: the said Regiment was first commanded by Colonel Read, and afterwards by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens – shortly after Mr. Vaughan enlisted he was made Sergeant in Captain Brent's Company, as coming within my own knowledge, for I met with him at Portsmouth, so soon as the company reached there – and he was then a Sergeant of the Company – I left him at Portsmouth, and never saw him

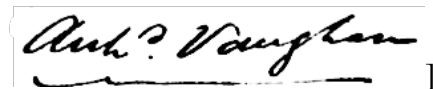
anymore until two years expired, and he returned home.

S/ William P. Hamlett⁴

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W P Hamlett".

[Attested by Cornelius Barnes, JP on October 2, 1837 in Charlotte County Virginia]

[p 12: In 1838, Archibald Vaughan of Farmwell Prince Edward County Virginia wrote a letter to the Commissioner of pensions in which he states that his uncle William Vaughan, a pensioner of the United States died on August 18th last leaving 2 children, a son named William Vaughan living in the County of Danville and a daughter who married a Mr. Featherston who has removed to the State of Tennessee. He is seeking directions as to how to collect the balance of the pension due his uncle from the time of the last payment of the pension until the date of the death of his uncle.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arch. Vaughan".

[Veteran was originally pensioned under the 1818 act at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 13, 1830 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran was pensioned under the 1832 act at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line.]

⁴ [William P. Hamlett S13305](#)

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Addendum to William Vaughan S14754

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I William Dupree [William Deupree (Dupree) BLReg281092-1855] a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Charlotte and a soldier of the Revolution aged 90 years; do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with William Vaughan, deceased late of Charlotte, in the Revolutionary War. He was a soldier and Sergeant under Capt John Brent [VAS2630] of the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded at the time by Col Lawson [Robert Lawson VAS850] and Gen'l Stevens [Edward Stevens VAS1922]. The said William Vaughan was a good and faithful soldier, and was honorably discharged from service. He enlisted for three years & served that time.

Given under my hand this 11th day of June, 1848.

Wm. Dupree JP.



I further Certify, that said William Vaughan was a pensioner of the United States, and was allowed as a Sergeant at the rate of \$120 per annum, which he received untill his death. Given under my hand this 11th day of June, 1848.



To his Excellency the Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia.

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of William Vaughan, deceased, late of Charlotte County Virginia, who was a private and sergeant in the Virginia Continental line, in the war of the Revolution Respectfully sheweth:

That said William Vaughan sometime in the month of March, 1776, enlisted under Capt Brent, and served altogether three years, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonels Read [Isaac Read VAS4183] and Lawson, and Gen'l Stevens. That he was engaged in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown and other battles of minor consequence. That the said William Vaughan served faithfully the time for which he inlisted and was honorably discharged from service all of which will more fully appear by reference to the Army Register of the Virginia Continental line, and the accompanying certificates of old and respectable soldiers who served with him at the time.

Your Memorialist further state, that said William Vaughan was a pensioner of the United States as a Sargent in the Virginia Continental line at the rate of \$120 per annum; and that his name is found as Sergeant on the Roll of John H. Smith esq. late Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims, and reported as being entitled to land. That in his life time, he never applied for Land Bounty, nor have his heirs, since his death.

Your Memorialist, therefore, humbly pray that your Excellency will grant them as only Heirs of said William Vaughan the usual quantity of land allowed a sergeant of the Virginia continental line for the service of three years, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided – and as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

[signed] William Vaughan

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

This day William Vaughan, a son and one of the heirs of William Vaughan, deceased, formerly of Charlotte, came before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Charlotte, and made oath that the facts as set forth in the foregoing memorial subscribed by him, he believes to be true.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of June 1849.

John Brookes JP.