

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Vest S16563

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State of Indiana Washington County: SS: In the Washington Circuit Court

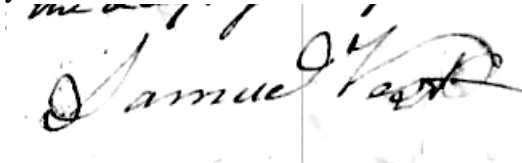
On this 5th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of said Court, it being a Court of record, now sitting, Samuel Vest a resident of said County of Washington and State of Indiana, aged seventy-three years, the 7th day of April last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the said service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he entered the service in the County of Bedford State of Virginia in the month of June 1779 as a volunteer Soldier in a militia company commanded by James Adams Captain, Matthew Arter [Matthew Arthur?] Lieutenant, & Talbert Arter [Talbert Arthur?] Ensign; said company was called out by the order of Colonel William Calloway [William Callaway] to guard the Lead mines called Chissel's mines [Chiswell], upon New River in the State of Virginia – marched with said company to the said minds, remained there, & performed duty in said company as a guard until he was discharged having served in this expedition, from the time he entered the service till he was discharged, three months & twelve days. About the month of November in the same year (1779) at the same County of Bedford, he again entered the service as a drafted militia man in the company under Captain Robert Adams, Charles Lynch was Lieutenant, – he marched with said company to Petersburg, which belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Lynch, the forces at that place were under command of Baron Steuben. This declarant remained at Petersburg & performed duty in said company as a private soldier until he was discharged – he served on this tour of duty not less than nine weeks or 63 days –

About the first of February 1781 at the same County of Bedford Virginia, he again entered the service by joining a militia company, as a substitute for one Benjamin Simmons, who was drafted, said company was commanded by Jacob Moore Captain, & Michael Gilbert Lieutenant, and belonged to the Regiment under Colonel Lynch – marched to a place appointed to rendezvous on the Staunton River. On the first of February or about that time, 1781, the Regiment took up the line of march and proceeded on till it met with the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene], – this was at a place called the Hawfields on Haw River – from thence, this declarant marched with the Army to Guilford, and was in the battle [March 15, 1781] at that place, which took place on the 15th of March. After the battle, the Americans rallied & collected at a place called the troublesome Iron works, this declarant was amongst the number, and at that place received his discharge and returned home – having served in this last expedition not less than two months –

This declarant states that he served in the revolution as a private Soldier, in the three Expeditions above mentioned not less than seven months and fifteen days – that he received

discharges at the said several times when he left the service, which are lost; and he states that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except his brother, William Vest. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Vest". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

William Vest Brother of the said Samuel Vest who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration, a resident of the County of Washington & State of Indiana, in open Court, makes oath that his said Brother Samuel, served as a private soldier in the Revolution, the said William states he knew of his own knowledge that his Brother Samuel went in the first tour of service named to the lead mines, and returned home about the time he stated – he knows also of his going on the expedition to Petersburg, and as to the last tour of service, he knows (he the said William having served in the same expedition¹) that his said Brother served as he has stated. Sworn to in open Court – & subscribed

S/ William Vest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Vest". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Ebenezer Patrick, a clergyman, and George Holsapple gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 1/2 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ I could find no evidence that William Vest filed for a pension based on his service in the revolution.