

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Vickers S16564

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State of Georgia Meriwether County: On this 5th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior or County Court now sitting, William Vickers, a resident of said County & State, aged seventy-five years & upwards 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.

1st -- That he was born in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1757, the day & month he has forgotten, had a record of his age which was burnt when his father's house was burnt in Orange County North Carolina to which place his father had removed from Rockbridge County Virginia, which last place this deponent was principally raised. -- This first tour he entered as a drafted militia soldier in the Infantry under the State authority NC for three months which he served out fully, he has very much forgotten with exactness the year of this service but thinks it was shortly after Independence was declared & judging from this thanks the tour commenced in the winter of 1776 -- 7 shortly after Christmas rendezvoused at Hillsboro Orange County, North Carolina, his Captain Andy Little, Butler major, marched to the Eutaw Springs NC marching thence to the Raft Swamps NC & otherwise marched & scouted the country specially protecting the inhabitants against the depredations of the Tories & preventing the spread of the Tory cause; -- discharged in the Spring of the year 1777 at the Raft Swamps, NC by written discharge, the particular officer giving it is now forgotten, discharge burnt as before stated. --

2nd -- Entered the draft under State authority NC in the Infantry as a private militia soldier for a tour of five months which he served out fully & more (upwards of six months) his Captain William Jamison, Majors name forgotten; Butler Colonel, rendezvoused at Ramsour's Mills, Randolph County NC, this was in February & he thinks in the year 1778, marched thence into South Carolina [one or more indecipherable words] towards Stono within forty miles of which place they had reached when they heard of the battle there previously to which had reconnoitered & scouted the Country protected the inhabitants & watched points of attack against the Tories principally the Yadkin & Pedee rivers SC during this time was stationed at a place about ten days the name of which from his failing memory he has now forgotten, after hearing of the battle of Stono¹ still advanced to unite with the Main defense & was stationed & quartered on this settlement at Stono, South Carolina about six weeks where he was discharged in the summer of 1778, he thinks September, by written discharge since burnt as before stated, that gets from which officer, making six months & upwards though only drafted at first for five on a call from the States of North & South Carolina.

¹ The Battle of Stono or Stono Ferry occurred on June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

3rd -- Entered as a volunteer militia in the Cavalry, under State authority as a private soldier for two months, his Captain Davis Gresham who was highest in command. Mark Pattison Lieutenant, served this time out fully, he thinks this was in the year 1780 probably, & commenced in the month of November, rendezvoused at Hillsboro NC & ranged the country as a flying Corps against the Tories, scouted principally on Chowan River low down in North Carolina the special object of the detachment was to check & scattered the Tories who were extremely troublesome & bold in that part of the country under the command of one Fannin [sic, David Fanning] whom his company wants came within half a mile of attacking unexpectedly, but he escaped supposed from having intimation some way of his company's approach; could never captured him nor bring him to battle; on return discharged at Hillsboro, NC by Captain Gresham by written discharge which was destroyed as before stated. --

4th -- Entered as a drafted militia soldier private in the Infantry under State authority, NC for two months which he served out fully his Captain Davis Gresham who was highest in command his Lieutenant John May, this was in the Spring of the year 1781 the month not recollected, he was stationed all this time at Hillsboro, NC for the purpose of protecting the Town & affording satisfaction & security to the inhabitants & to present a rallying point & place from which to march in a body at a moment's warning to unite with any other force or oppose any threatening force of the British or Tories. The town of Hillsboro just before had been captured & taken possession of completely by the Tories² the Town and plundered & some of the principal inhabitants carried off & delivered to the British who took them as prisoners on board their vessels where they were very badly treated; -- while in this service scouted the surrounding country on short excursions always returning immediately to the defense of the Town; -- after expiration of service was discharged there by Captain Gresham by written discharge which he got burnt as before stated together with all Revolutionary & other papers which he then had; -- this discharge was in the summer of 1781, just before Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown.

5th: Extra: -- He rendered months service also by hiring substitutes; he recollects hiring four at different times & at the close of the Revolution had paid out about 200 pounds to persons to serve in his place, besides the time he actually served in person himself as above stated.

After the Revolution removed from NC to Wilkes County, Georgia, about the year 1792; -- from thence removed to Oglethorpe County about 1796; -- from thence to Clarke County about 1800; -- from thence to Walton County about 1809; from thence removed to his present residence. -- He knows of no person surviving associated or who knew him during the Revolution by whom to establish his services, his Revolutionary papers too being destroyed as before stated. -- His neighbors now are John T. Carter, Thomas Roberts & Braddock Harris & James H. Perry.

Summary service

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| 1 st Service | 3 months |
| 2 nd " | 6 " |
| 3 rd " | 2 " |
| 4 th " | 2 " |

13 months in all

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present &

² The Town of Hillsboro, together with NC Governor, Thomas Burke, and most of the members of the State's General Assembly were captured by Tory forces led by Col. David Fanning on September 12, 1781.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hillsborough.htm>

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. -- And that he knows of no person by whom to prove his services as here set forth, & that he has no original documentary evidence to present in proof or corroboration of the same, all Revolutionary vouchers which he once had having long since been lost or destroyed -- burnt as before stated.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, now sitting, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Bailey, JIC

S/ William Vickers, X his mark [sic]

[Thomas Roberts and James H. Perry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amendatory Declaration of William Vickers

State of Georgia Meriwether County

On this 23rd day of August 1833, personally appeared before me, W B Ector a legal notary -- Justice of the Inferior County Court in & for said County & State, William Vickers a resident of said County & State aged seventy-five years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, amendatory to his original Declaration of the 5th of November 1832 by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. --

10th objection of Brief -- Reply -- Clerks Certificate by County seal of office affixed

11th & 12 Objections of Brief -- Reply -- The failure to present a clergyman as one of his certifying witnesses in his original Declaration arose & still arises from there being no resident clergyman in his neighborhood indeed he died. Don't know, & has no right to believe, that any clergyman of the County is even personally acquainted with him & is sure that none can be sufficiently so to testify their belief respecting his age & the general belief in the neighborhood relative to his revolutionary services. -- He seldom leaves home, & as stated in his original Declaration only settled in this County arriving in it the 25th day of December 1830, from Walton County where he was known by clergyman personally perhaps but he there, as well as here, lived in a sparsely settled neighborhood & from domestic & confined habits, incident to nature & age, he was known to but few clergymen. Whilst resident in Walton County which has in his original Declaration is stated in the year 1809, which should have been 1818 as the period when he first settled there, he was well acquainted with & was known by Walter Colquitt a Methodist clergyman & late Judge of the Superior Court of this Circuit, & now residing at Columbus & practicing law.

18th Objection of Brief -- Reply -- Summarily answered by answer to oath.

All the above answers sworn & subscribed before me after full investigation of the matter under the requirement of the War Department of further proof & explanation as the Amendatory Declaration of William Vickers for a pension -- date first above written.

S/ W. B. Ector, JIC

S/ William Vickers, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 for 13 months service in the revolution.]