

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Vest S17173

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State of Missouri Crawford County: SS

On this 24th day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared John Vest a resident of the County of Pulaski formally a resident of the County of Crawford, but now of Pulaski in consequence of a late division of Counties, the reason of his application being made in Crawford is that the evidence all reside in Crawford County, before William E Hawkins and George H Coppedge Judges of the County Court of the County of Crawford, he the said John Vest aged eighty-two years the 5th day of October 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born on the 5th day of October in the year 1750 as he is informed in Cumberland County now Powhatan in the State of Virginia and in 1777 this deponent was a resident of Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia and was drafted ^{drawed No. 60} and entered the service of the United States on the 25th of August in the year 1777 under Captain Blackburn Mosely [Blackman Moseley] and Lieutenant Archibald Bass, commanded by Colonel Joseph Bass and rendezvoused at Permuda hundred [Bermuda Hundred], Virginia, and took up March from old Williamsburg, thence to Hampton at the junction of the Hampton & James rivers &c and after a three months tour was dismissed but did not receive any written discharge, and in the year 1778 this deponent ^{was called upon by virtue of the draft aforesaid} served a tour of eight days guarding the magazine at Chesterfield County, Virginia under Captain Thomas Baker, and in the ^{year} 1779 ^{by virtue of the draft aforesaid} this deponent served a tour of eight days guarding the magazine in Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia ^{by virtue of the draft aforesaid} under Captain Thomas Baker, and in the year 1780 this deponent was a resident of Powhatan County in the State of Virginia, And in the month of March this deponent was drafted, drawed [sic] No. 4, and entered the service under Captain George Williamson, Lieutenant John Pervy [?] and was kept in readiness until in the month of January 1781 and was called into service under the last mentioned officers commanded by Colonel John Willis and Major Daniel Duval and marched to Petersburg the place of rendezvous, thence to Blans house [? Blandford April 25, 1781?]¹ from thence eight miles below a cross roads we met twelve hundred of Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] men the Queens Rangers and had an engagement with them, But the British kept the ground, we then marched to Suffolk on Nancymum [Nansemond] River and stationed ourselves, and there remained until dismissed, making a tour of three months but received no written discharge, and in 1781 in the latter part of the month of April this deponent was called upon and went to drive the British from Richmond in Virginia. And was employed that tour twenty-two days but from what authority called into service, this deponent cannot

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Blanford

recollect. And in the month of May 1781 this deponent was drafted called into service by virtue of the draft of March 1780 under Captain Edward Mumford and rendezvoused at Ratteff's old fields commanded by General Lawson, Colonel St. George Tucker of the 6th Brigade, and marched to New Kent Court house, thence to Holt's forge on Chickahominy River thence to Mobin hills [Malvern Hills] thence to New Castle thence to Parks Springs and on the 27th of July 1781 this deponent was dismissed and received a written discharge signed by General John Markus the Lafayette [sic, Marquis de Lafayette] and Colonel St. George Tucker, the whole tour was three months, And in the month of October 1781 by virtue of the draft aforesaid this deponent was called upon to go to Little York against Cornwallis under Captain Edward Mumford, and marched thirty miles below Richmond where we were dismissed, the news having reached us that the enemy had surrendered, making that service ten days, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ John Vest, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Harrison, Clerk

Q By the court, where & in what year were you born

A. On the 5th of October 1750

Q. Have you any record of your age

A. No, information received from parents many years ago

Q. Where were you living when called into service

A. Chesterfield County Virginia & Powhatan County Virginia substracted

Q. How were you called into service were you drafted, volunteer =

A. Drafted, answered No. 4 & 6

Q. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served.

A. General Stevens [Edward Stevens] General Wayne, General Lawson, General Marquis the lock Fayette.

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service

A. Yes I received one by General Marquis the Lafayette and Colonel St. George Tucker.

Q. What has become of the discharge

A. I do not know. I suppose it was lost many years ago and that he knows of no person who can testify to his actual service.

Whole amount of services charged 10 months and 18 days.

[Thomas Snelson, a clergyman, William Coppedge and John Malone gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.31 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months and 18 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]