

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Vernon S21549

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State of South Carolina, Abbeville District: SS

On this fifth day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Isaac Vernon a resident of Elbert County in the State of Georgia aged Seventy Seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service as a volunteer in the service of the United States, in the year 1777 in the first of the month of January under the command of Captain John Leek [John Leak] and Colonel Alexander Martin in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina, that he was in Captain Leek's Company & by him marched to Anson County in North Carolina to fight some Scotch Tories & to join Governor Caswell's [Richard Caswell's] forces before Colonel Martin joined Governor Caswell he Governor Caswell defeated the Scotch Tories [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776], he then sent an express to Colonel Martin to inform him of this defeat and to disband his forces amounting in number to about three thousand men, the Army under Colonel Martin was accordingly discharged & the troops returned home, having been out in this service three weeks which the applicant claims.

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – That the applicant entered a second time in the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Early part of April in the year 1780 from Surry County North Carolina under Captain Absalom Bostwick [Absalom Bostick] and under Colonel Isaacs or Colonel Leadbetter [perhaps Drury Ledbetter] was marched to Salisbury in said State thence down the Yadkin River to Rocky River there had a battle with the Tories several of whom were killed & wounded, & a great number were taken prisoners, from this place was marched to the Narrows of the Yadkin under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] who we previously had joined at Salisbury, from the Narrows was marched to Lynches Creek where we joined Gates' [Horatio Gates's] Army, with whom we were marched to Rugeley's Mill, there a Virginia force of troops joined us, from thence the whole force was marched towards Camden in South Carolina, there the American forces under General Gates met the British who defeated the American forces under General Gates, in this battle [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] the applicant was taken a prisoner, but soon after escaped being a prisoner not over two hours, by which escape, he being overcome by heat & fatigue, the applicant's bodily system became much impaired for upwards of three years[,] in this service the applicant performed at least 4 ½ months duty.

3<sup>rd</sup> Service-- The applicant again entered the service of the United States in March 1781 as a volunteer from Guilford County North Carolina under a Lieutenant Richard Vernon (the Captain's name the applicant has forgotten) the object of this & similar companies were to keep a check [on] Cornwallis' troops from pursuing General Green [Nathanael Greene] too hard after the battle at Guilford Court House, and to keep the British from spreading out & plundering the country the applicant in this his third service or tour of duty fully served three weeks duty in defense of his country the United States.

4<sup>th</sup> Service-- The applicant a fourth time entered the service of the United States in October 1781 as Volunteer from Guilford County North Carolina under a Colonel Samuel Henderson, and under the said Lieutenant Richard Vernon, the object of this service was to rout and defeat some Tories who were embodied on the Yadkin River, but who were defeated by Colonel Campbell, before the applicant & the troops he was with reached the point of their destination on the Yadkin, on hearing of the certainty of the Tories' defeat by Colonel Campbell the applicant with the others of the troops he was with, were discharged & returned home after an absence of between two & three weeks, this ended the service of the applicant in the revolutionary War, he not being able from increasing bodily infirmity to perform further duty.

Answers to certain Interrogatories

Ans. To 1<sup>st</sup> The applicant says he was born on the seventh day of January 1757 in Charlotte County in the State of Virginia.

Ans. To 2<sup>nd</sup> The applicant says he has no record of his age, that it was lost, & depends on his recollection for the certainty of his age.

Ans to 3<sup>rd</sup> The applicant says he was living in Guilford County North Carolina when called into service, the applicant says that he has lived since the Revolutionary war in the District of Abbeville, & in the District of Pendleton both in the State of South Carolina and that he now lives in Elbert County in the State of Georgia, that his wife is dead, that he has no house, and entirely depends for his support on his children & grandchildren, who live dispersed & among whom he lives & by turns occasionally visits.

Ans to 4<sup>th</sup> The applicant always volunteered, and considered himself a minute man, to march when duty called him.

Ans to 6<sup>th</sup> The applicant says he never received a written discharge that he was in every instance verbally discharged.

Ans to 5<sup>th</sup> The applicant says that he knew General Gates, General DeKalb, General Smallwood [William Smallwood] & Colonel Armong [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] a Frenchman & commander of the horse, & others not recollected by the Applicant, he does not recollect Continental or militia Regiments so as to describe them, he General circumstances he has related in his declaration these officers were with the troops where the applicant served.

Ans to 7<sup>th</sup> The applicant says he is not as well known where he now lives, as he is in Abbeville District South Carolina where his residence was long and almost continued since the Revolutionary War until recently he will state the names of Joseph Black Esquire a South Carolina Senator in her Legislature, James Black Esq. a Representative in the Legislature of South Carolina, Caleb Burton, Samuel Jones, William Shaw, Cader Gantt, Esq. who can testify as to applicants character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and who are all living in Abbeville district South Carolina.

The applicant 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.

In open Court.

S/ Isaac Vernon



S/ Jas Wardlaw, Clerk

[James Moore, a clergyman, Joseph Black & James A. Black give the standard supporting affidavit]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in 18 days in the North Carolina militia.]