

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Vick S31452

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State of Illinois County of Union

On this 20th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Thomas C Brown Judge of the Circuit Court in & for said County now sitting Joshua Vick a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years, the 20th May 1833 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 service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service in the year 1778 or 1779 at the age of sixteen years under Captain Jesse Whiting in the following [indecipherable word], the County in which he resided to wit, Southampton County Virginia was divided into districts, and each district being also called a division of which his was the 3rd furnished by draft a company, and the regulation was then understood to be that those divisions or one or more of them were to perform by turns their respective tours of duty, that he was called out a short time after he was first drafted and performed a tour of duty under his above named Captain for the space of two months, the Regiment to which he belonged was under the command of Colonel Willis, General Muhlenberg was the commander of the detachment, during all the periods for which he served, on the first tour of duty it was their duty to drive in the British pickets which were thickly posted in Isle of Wight & Nansemond Counties, during this expedition they were joined by one company of regulars under the command of Captain Nott, this object effected we returned homeward, the next tour of duty was undertaken about two years after the former term we were ordered out again and marched to the lower end of Southampton, when the British fleet moved up James River, and the troops moved up also, General Muhlenberg commanding the militia again, on arriving at Petersburg the British having put out some of their troops at the mouth of Appomattox River, some coming by land and others in small boats up the River to Petersburg, attacked the Americans where a severe engagement ensued, of which this applicant, however was not a witness nor a participator, because he was part of a detachment ordered to take charge of baggage and ammunition wagons, after this engagement, the Americans fell back into Amelia County and up the Appomattox River crossing the Appomattox at a place called Good Bridge, and thence to Richmond thence down James River to Williamsburg while about this time the British fell down upon Little York. From Williamsburg the troops went down James River, and marching upwards, we were all ordered home from a place called Chichahominie [Chickahominy] Bridge. This tour comprised a space of two months or upwards there were no regular officers with us during this period, and this applicant's company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel McDaniel Duval, A short time after this tour ended almost all the forces of Southampton County were called out to march against Lord Cornwallis, who had by

this time possessed himself of Little York, General Muhlenberg again commanded us, the troops from Southampton were engaged in getting timber and materials for erecting works for the siege of York. After the surrender of Cornwallis we were again ordered home after having served a tour of two months or upwards the whole comprising a tour of six months or upwards of actual service.

He further states that he was born in Southampton County State of Virginia and resided there when he entered the service as above stated. He states that he has a record of his age at home in his Bible which he has kept for upwards of forty years which he believes to be true by which it appears he was born the 20th May 1762 and entered the service in July 1778. That since the period of his service he resided in his native County until with his family he moved to North Carolina Nash County, where he resided 12 or 13 years, thence he removed to the state of Georgia, resided there about 4 years, thence moving to Tennessee Smith County, resided there until he came to the County of Union State of Illinois about three years previous to this time, where he now lives, he states that he knows of none of the regular or Continental regiments except those at Little York not having been in the service with any. He recollects General Washington whose person he knew, and although recollects of seeing many others, and hearing of many celebrated names, but he is not able to say whom he saw or knew, being a private. He further states that he never received any discharge or any pay for his services, understanding at the time that the Captain had a discharge for his company generally. He further 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.

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 any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joshua Vick

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Vick". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[John Palmer, and Pilgrim Vick gave the standard supporting affidavit there being no clergyman convenient.]

[f p. 3: finding dated December 3, 1845 entered by the clerk of the County Commissioners court of of Union County Illinois that Joshua Vick a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$20 per annum and a resident of Union County Illinois died in said County February 25, 1833 leaving no widow but the following children: Lewis Vick, Milley McCravens, wife of Benjamin McCravens, Piatty Palmer, wife of John Palmer, Sarah Hutson, wife of Moses Hutson.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]