

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Vance S32031

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Territory of Arkansas, County of Independence: SS: At the January Term of the County Court of said County A.D. 1833

On this Eighth day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Independence County and Territory of Arkansas now sitting David Vance a resident of said County and Territory aged Seventy-four years 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 the Seventh A.D. 1832, That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated, to wit: That he joined & entered the Service as a drafted Soldier in the regular militia Service of the United States in February 1778 under Captain William Dobson, he don't recollect the Colonel's name and served five months the time required – he enlisted or rather was drafted and mustered at Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina, and marched to the Hanging Rock and from thence to Charleston, and went to the Cowpens and from thence to the Black Swamp and there discharged and returned home – And was shortly made a prisoner by the Enemy and took him to Hillsborough and put him in Jail and kept him confined four weeks, and permitted him to go home on parole – but he lay out and kept hid until after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], when he was again permitted to make his appearance – that he was one month a volunteer in a light horse Company as he thinks under Colonel Lee and a good deal engaged in Scouting. That he has no Documentary evidence to prove his Services in the War of the Revolution and knows of no person in this Country who can testify to his Services – that in consequence of the hardship and exposure in the Jail aforesaid he has ever since been a cripple. He never was in any Battle because he was always kept scouting while in service.

The following Interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the applicant David Vance

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Winchester Virginia 25 August 1757

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have none – the record is destroyed

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In Guilford County North Carolina – I have since [lived] in South Carolina 18 years, from thence I moved to Tennessee and lived there 10 years then I moved to Missouri about eight years, then I came to the County where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was a Drafted soldier for five months a volunteer one month

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I do not recollect any of the Regular officers for my memory is bad and I served in the State troops and did see not in any Regular officers – I do not now recollect the names of the Officers of the Continental or Militia Regiments.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I never received any Discharge

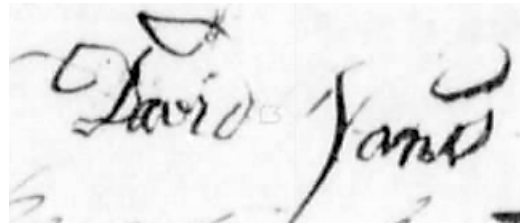
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: J. Ringgold, John Ruddell, Abraham Allen, John Carroll & C. H. Pelham. I don't know of any person here who can prove my services but the above named persons can testify for my veracity and good behavior and the County where I reside.

I David Vance do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ David Vance

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

S/ J. Barnett, Presiding Justice

[Aaron Gillett, J. H. Egner, J. Ringgold, John Ruddle, Abraham Allen, John Carrell and C. H. Pelham gave the standard supporting affidavit and included a statement that there is no clergyman in attendance.]

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