

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Vaughan S7781

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The State of Alabama, Pickens County: SS

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the County Court of Pickens County now sitting, Joel Vaughan a resident of Pickens County in the County of Pickens and State aforesaid aged 93 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. The first Tour I took was against the Indians on the frontiers under Col. Clark & Captain Singleton [Richard Singleton], we were out some two or three months we had some few scrimmages with the Indians – this short tour [tour] I was commanded out, it has been so long since that I cannot remember what year it was, I was then living in North Carolina, Rutherford County, where I lived during the whole of the war, the Next Tour I was drafted for three months under Captain Harden my Colonel's name I do not recollect. Gates [Horatio Gates] was my General, we marched until we got near Camden where Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], I was not in the Battle myself, I was one that was appointed by an officer (his name I do not recollect) to take care of a Soldier that was wounded, after this I returned home, the next Tour I took – I Enlisted with the following officers (to wit) General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – Captain Johnson, Lieutenant Jackson, Sergeant Bridges – I do not recollect what Year this was but I recollect that I left home in May and returned home in February following this was my last Tour he further states that he has no documentary evidence to show having lost all that he ever had – he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service, except his Son James Vaughan who was then a Small Boy, and whose Certificate will be found with these papers.

Sworn and Subscribed in open court.

He hereby relinquishes all & every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any States (or if any) only on the agency of the State of North Carolina.

1<sup>st</sup>: Question: Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the State of Virginia, Caroline County in the year 1741 & 14<sup>th</sup> February.

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

I have a record of my age in my Family Bible in the possession of my Son

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

In Rutherford County North Carolina I moved from there up to Green River in said County – lived there about five years, thence to South Carolina Pendleton District – lived there

about six years, from thence to West Tennessee – lived there 15 or 20 years – from thence to Madison County in this State lived there one year – from thence to Green County in said State and lived there 11 or 12 years from thence to Pickens County, where I now reside and have been living four years.

4<sup>th</sup> 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?

I was called out on my first Tour. Second, I was drafted, the third I enlisted.  
[omitted: 5<sup>th</sup> 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.]

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

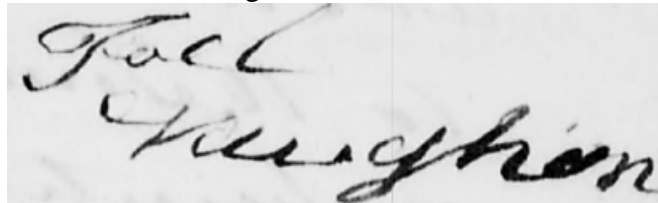
I have got no discharge when Gates was defeated the Army dispersed in confusion and returned home, after the defeat one of the other Tours I took sick and got a Substitute to serve out my term, the other Tour if I got a discharge I have lost it

[omitted: 7<sup>th</sup> 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.]

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 the agency of any State or, if any, only on the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joel Vaughan

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Joel Vaughan" and is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Silas Dobbs, a clergyman, and Stephen Gilbert, give the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Before me Robert E. Stewart an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County of Pickens James Vaughan who after first being duly Sworn makes oath that he is well acquainted with Joel Vaughan who makes application for a pension and that he distinctly recollects that he was a Soldier in the revolution, that he recollects the last Tour he made and believes it was between nine and ten months he was absent.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> Day December 1832.

S/ R. Ed. Stewart, Justice of the peace

S/ Jas Vaughan, X his mark

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The State of Alabama Pickens County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Joel Vaughan who after first being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he Served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. The 1<sup>st</sup> Tour he served as a private two months & fifteen Days. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour as a private three months. The 3<sup>rd</sup> tour as a private ten

months under General Greene, amounting in all to one year two months and fifteen days I was in the Service, and this deponent further states on oath that each of the periods of his service as above mentioned was in embodied companies with commissioned officers as he believes, that he was called into service by his officers – That he was either in the field or in Garrison and for the time during which the Service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

Sworn & subscribed this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1834 before me

S/ Robt. Love, JP

S/ Joel Vaughan

[p 39: On September 5, 1839, the applicant applied for the transfer of his pension benefit payment to the Mississippi agency his having removed from Alabama to Mississippi. In this document he refers to himself as having belonged to the company of Captain \_\_ Waters in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ Middleton.]

[p 12: On November 20, 1845, Joel Vaughan applied to have his pension payments transferred to Atala [sic, Attala] County, Mississippi. In this document he refers to himself as having formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Philemon Watters [sic, Philemon Waters] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.32 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year 2 months and 15 days in the North Carolina militia.]