

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip H. Vest S7789

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield County, to wit

On this 8th day of October A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Chesterfield County now sitting Philip H Vest a resident of the said County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia, aged seventy-nine 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 7th of June 1832.

That about eight or ten months before the siege of York, he was called out in a company of Militia in Chesterfield County, commanded by Edward Moseley Captain, John Hill Lieutenant, and Joseph Newby Ensign, and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bernard Markham [this may be a mistaken reference to George Markham], and marched from Chesterfield County down to McKey's [Mackey's?] mills, Smithfield, and the lower part of Virginia, and after serving a tour of six or eight weeks was discharged.

In a few weeks afterwards, he was again called out in a company of militia, he does not recollect any of the company officers except Joseph Newby, who he thinks acted as Captain, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Robert Goode: the country at that time being almost in a continual state of alarm, it being during the time of Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] and Phillips' [William Phillips'] invasion; they were kept marching up and down James River, and after serving five or six weeks, was discharged.

Some short time after, he was called out as a drafted militia man, according to his number, for the purpose as it was said, of joining the southern Army, was in a company commanded by Captain David Patterson, and after marching as far as Dinwiddie courthouse, was ordered back and discharged at Petersburg; he thinks he did not serve during this tour more than three or four weeks. Some short time after he was called out as a militia man was in the affair at Sudberry's [3 miles from Chesterfield Court House, 23 May 1781] in Chesterfield County, where hello the American militia was surprised, and a part of them made prisoners, by a detachment of Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] light horse: That after that affair, he joined the American Army above Richmond, and was with the Army under Marquis Lafayette, marching through Culpeper and the adjoining counties in that part of Virginia; and after serving a tour of about three months was discharge; during the latter part of this tour he was attached to the company commanded by Captain Knight: He verily believes, he served in all the tours, about seven months: he never received any written discharge: He was born as he has been informed and believes in the year 1753, in that part of Cumberland County, which is now Powhatan County, there was a register of his birth entered in a book which was in possession of a friend of his who has removed into a distant part of the country: – he the said best removed from Cumberland County to Chesterfield County several years before the commencement of the revolutionary war, where he has resided

ever since: He has no documentary evidence of his services, but is well known in the neighborhood where he resides, by Moses Ferguson who can testify as to his military services; and by sundry other persons who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his 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: Sworn to and subscribed the day and year previous first written.

S/ Philip H Vest, X his mark

I and Moses Ferguson¹ residing in the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, being first duly sworn before the County Court of Chesterfield do hereby certify and depose that, I am well acquainted with Philip H Vest who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, having been his near neighbor for many years; That I well know that said claimant performed the first and 4th tours of duty as set forth and stated in his said declaration; this deponent was a soldier of the revolution and served with him in those tours.

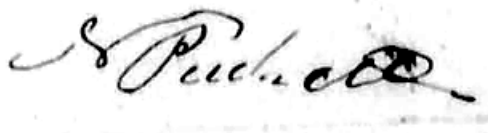
Sworn to and subscribed this 8th day of October A.D. 1832.

S/ Moses Ferguson, X his mark

[Anderson Philips and Allen Whitworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Nathaniel Puckett² residing in the County of Chesterfield & State of Virginia being first duly sworn before the County Court of Chesterfield, do hereby certify and depose that I am well acquainted with Philip H Vest who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, having been his near neighbors for many years, and having been acquainted with him during the revolution. That I know and well remember the said claimant performed a part of the military service specified in his said declaration, to wit the first and 4th tours therein mentioned. This deponent was a soldier of the revolution, and served in both of those tours, though not in the same company with said Vest the first tour, yet he has a perfect recollection that he was in service during that tour in another company. Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 8th day of October 1832.

S/ N. Puckett



Virginia, Chesterfield County to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, Philip H Vest who being duly sworn, 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: For 6 months, I served as a private in the Militia of the __ during the War of the Revolution and for such service I claim a pension. There is no clergyman residing in my neighborhood who can testify in support of my declaration except the Reverend Eleazar Clay who is as old and infirm as to be unable to go before a Justice of the

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peace to make an affidavit – during part of my service I was under the command of the Marquis Lafayette of the regular Army.

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of February 1833

S/ Philip H Vest, X his mark

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