

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Vaughan S9498

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State of North Carolina Anson County: Declaration of William Vaughan on the 20th day of November 1833 I James Gordon one of the acting justices of the peace of Anson County at the home of William Vaughan he being very infirm and not able to travel to a Court of record with convenience aged 81 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – I was a volunteer to serve in behalf of the United States – a private in a company of light horse in Cumberland County North Carolina, march[ed] under Colonel Ebenezer Folsome. And Captain John Blocker of Cumberland County, march[ed] to the Slucly Bridge on Cape fair River [Cape Fear River] to keep the Tories from passing and near the Bridge we met with some Tories that had just been defeated [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776] by the Americans & we helped to guard them to David Smith's for safe keeping – then we were march[ed] to the various Bridges to keep the Tories from crossing then from place to place until we were discharged by our officers. Served Six months the day or month not recollected – but think it was in the year 1776. And in the course of that year I moved to Anson County North Carolina and in a short time I turned out a volunteer for six months and march[ed] under Colonel John Jackson and Captain John Stanfield to keep under the Tories in Anson County and the adjoining Counties – march[ed] to the South then back into North Carolina then up the country & from place to [place] in pursuit of Tories until discharged – Served six months – the year not recollected – Not long after I was a volunteer again for six months and marched under Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade] & Captain Bogan [Patrick Boggan]– march[ed] up the country on Rocky River then to the South then back again into Anson County, then crossed Pedee River then on to Drowning Creek to Bettys Bridge [Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781] here we had a Battle with the Tories & I had my horse Shot in the action here the Americans got defeated, then retreated back to the west & was discharged served Six months the year not recollected. Also I was employed Six months to provide Beef cattle for the regular Army when marching through this section of the Country on their march to the South, the year not recollected – I remember seeing General Gates [Horatio Gates] as he march[ed] to the South. Also General Green [Nathanael Greene] and his army stopped a Short time near my house when I lived at the crossroads near Mays Mill on Jones's Creek.

I have no papers to prove my Services nor do I no [know] of any person now living by whom I could prove all my Services.

Qt 1. Where and in what year were you born

As In the State of Virginia Southampton County January 1st 1752

Qt. 2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it

As. No written record but my parents has told me I was born January 1st 1752 –

Qt 3. Where were you living when Called into service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

As. I lived in Cumberland County North Carolina when called into Service and after my first Six months Tour was out I moved to Anson County North Carolina near Mays mill where I have lived ever since.

Qt 4. How were you Called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

As A Volunteer and Served three six months tours in a horse company – and Served a six months tour employed in providing Beef Cattle and other provisions for the regular Army and other troops in service in North Carolina and South Carolina the year not recollected

Qt 5. 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.

As. Colonel Ebenezer Folsome, Colonel John Jackson and Colonel Thomas Wade, Major James Fare, Captain John Blocker, Captain John Stanfield, Captain Patrick Boggan & Captain Jimerson [Jamison] these were militia officers at the time of my service. General Gates and General Greene were Continental officers as I understood –

Qt 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

As. Yes I received a written discharge from Colonel Folsome at the expiration of my first 6 months Service, and by Colonel Jackson and Colonel Wade at my 2 terms of Service but what has become of my discharges I do not know.

Qt 7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can Testify as to your character for Veracity and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the revolution

As Joel Gulledge & Reuben Phillips

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 aforesaid

S/ James Gordon, JP

S/ William Vann, X his mark

[Joel Gulledge, a clergyman, and Reuben Phillips gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This may Certify that William Vaughan was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war. I remember being with him in the Army in a horse company to keep under the Tories and other outliers in Anson County – and as my term of Service was short I do not recollect how long he served, but I recollect being in Company with him in the Army two or three times. And I further certify that I have [someone has cut out a portion of this affidavit and the text is missing] aughan ever Since the Revolutionary war & I know him to have been a friend of his country and that his statement is entitled to credit.

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th October 1833

Test: S/ J Gordon, JP

S/ George Hammond,¹ X his mark

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North Carolina Anson County June the 19th 1834 personally appeared before me the undersigned

¹ [George Hammond R4553](#)

a Justice of the peace, William Vaughan – 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

That he served three tours not less than three months in each tour – and one tour in gathering in provisions for the Army but was under the impression that the tours were six months but will admit that I might be mistaken – but that I was in actual service from home for at least the space of nine months for which service I claim a pension – and many other Short tours as a minute man but cannot recollect the length of Service, the first tour was a private under Colonel Folsome & Captain John Blocker a volunteer in the horse troop, the 2nd term was under Colonel Wade & Captain Bogan, the 3rd tour was under Colonel Jackson & Captain Standfield and many other captains and Companies was in service at the same time by the authority of the state of North Carolina to serve in behalf of the United States a volunteer.

Sworn to and subscribed the day above written

S/ Reuben Phillips, JP

S/ William Vaughan, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

[Another version]

Pension Application of William Vaughan, Nat'l Archives Microseries M804, Roll __, Application # S9498

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Anson County, North Carolina, November 20th, 1833-I James Gordon, at the home of William Vaughan, he being very infirm and not able to travel to court with convenience, aged 81 years:

I was a volunteer to serve on behalf of the United States, a private in a company of light horse in Cumberland County, North Carolina. I marched under Colonel Ebenezer Folsom and Captain John ?Blocker? of Cumberland County. Marched to the ____ **Bridge on Cape Fear River** to keep the Tories from seizing and near the bridge, we met with some Tories that had just been defeated by the Americans, and we helped to guard them to David Smith for safekeeping. Then we were marched to ?**Vernon? Bridge** to keep the Tories from crossing. Then from place to place until we were discharged by our officers. I served six months. The day or month not recollected, but I think it was in the year 1775.

In the course of that year, I moved to Anson County, North Carolina, and in a short time I turned out a volunteer for six months and marched under Colonel John Jackson and Captain John Stanfield to keep under the Tories in Anson County and the adjoining counties. Marched to the south, then back into North Carolina, then up the county and from places in pursuit of Tories until discharged. Served six months, the year not recollected.

Not long after, I was a volunteer again for six months, and marched under Colonel Wade and Captain Bogan. Marched up the county on **Rocky River**, then to the south, then back again into Anson County. Then crossed **Pee Dee River**, then on **the Drowning Creek**, to **Betty's Bridge**. Here we had a little battle with the Tories, and I had my horse shot in the action. Here the Americans got defeated. Then retreated back to the west. I was discharged, served six

months, the year not recollected.

I was employed six months to provide cattle for the regular army when marching through this section of the county on their march to the south. The year not recollected. I remember seeing General Gates as he marched to the south. Also General Greene and his army stopped a short time near my house, when I lived at the crossroads near **Mays Mills** on **Jones Creek**.

Question 1-Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer-In the state of Virginia, Southampton County, January 1st, 1752.

Question 2-Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer-No written record, but my parents have told me I was born January 1st, 1752.

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

Answer-I lived in Cumberland County, NC when called into service and after my first six months tour was out, I moved to Anson County, NC near Mays Mill, where I have lived ever since.

Question 4-How were you called into service?

Answer-A volunteer and served 3 months tours in a horse company, and served a 6 months tour employed in providing beef cattle and other provisions for the regular army and other troops in service in North and South Carolina.

Question 5-State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served.

Answer-Colonel Ebenezer Folsom, Colonel John Jackson, Colonel Thomas Wade, Major James Fair, Captain John Blocker?, Captain John Stanfield, Captain Patrick Bogan, and Captain Jameson. They were militia officers at the time of my service...