

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Vanhook S9509

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State of Virginia, Halifax County

On this 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Halifax now sitting Jacob Vanhook a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 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. That in the year 1780 at the time Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was raising troops from Tories on Kings Mountain that Col. James Williams received orders from the Governor [North Carolina Governor Abner Nash] to raise companies to go against the British and Tories stationed on said Mountain and the orders from the Governor was that every person who would furnish their on horse and a gun and serve two months should have a credit and discharge for a tour of three months service and that he received a discharge for tow tours of three months each. That he volunteered and went under Capt. John Douglas, Lieutenant Thomas Neiley [sic, Neely or Neeley] & Ensign John Barnett and marched from Caswell Courthouse N. C. to Salisbury crossing the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers at the Island ford, from thence crossing the three forks of Broad River to Cowpens in South Carolina and from thence re-crossing at Old Nation Ford to Kings Mountain and was in the battle at that place when Col. Ferguson the British Commander was killed—and was sent on to Salem with the prisoners and was discharged at that place. That in the year 1781 he again volunteered and served under Captain Shadrack Hargis to protect the town of Hillsboro after Governor Burke [Thomas Burke] had been taken [September 12, 1781] and carried off by the Tories [Tories were commanded by David Fanning]. He served a term of three months as orderly Sergeant in said company. That he has no documentary evidence. That he has obtained evidence of his services by the declarations of Buckley Walker,<sup>1</sup> Bennett Williams<sup>2</sup> and Coleman Clayton.<sup>3</sup> That there is no clergyman in the neighborhood convenient. That he was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1761. That he has a record of his age taken from his father's register. That he was living in Caswell County North Carolina when called into service; has lived in Halifax County, State of Virginia after the year 1807 and now lives in the same. That he had discharges from two tours of service and threw them away when expecting to meet some British and Tories. That he has but little recollection of the regular officers or Continental and militia regiments. That Francis Brandon, Alva Oliver, John S.

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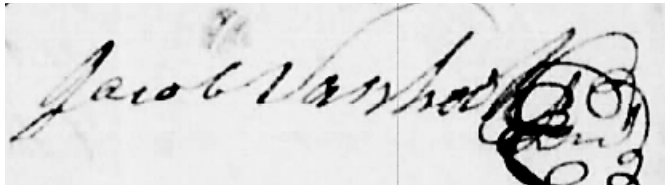
<sup>1</sup> [Buckley \(Buckly\) Walker W6407](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Bennett Williams S7956](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Coleman Clayton W6692](#)

Vaughan and John G. Scott can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in 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.

S/ Jacob Vanhook<sup>4</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Vanhook". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are somewhat stylized and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "hook".

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

[Robert Stanfield & [Francis Brandon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Person County: This day personally before me an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Coleman Clayton who maketh oath that in the year 1780 he knew Robert Vanhook who was in a company commanded by John Douglass Captain, Thomas Neely Lieutenant, John Barnett Ensign, which company was raised to serve two months, with the understanding that this service would avail as a tour of three months, each man furnishing his own horse & gun under the command of Colonel Williams [Colonel James Williams]. That said Vanhook had a horse & gun which he had procured himself, as this affiant knew, having lived previously in the same neighborhood. This affiant was a soldier in said company – said company marched from Caswell County North Carolina through Salisbury crossing the Yadkin & Catawba Rivers (the last at the Island Ford) the 3 forks of Broad River, to Cowpens in South Carolina, thence to Kings Mountain & was in the battle at that place where Colonel Ferguson the British commander was killed. The company then came on to Salem North Carolina when they were discharged. This affiant knows that Jacob Vanhook was in the whole of this service.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 17th of September 1832

S/ Coleman Clayton, X his mark

North Carolina Person County

This day personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Buckley Walker & Bennett Williams who did severally make oath that they volunteered for a tour of three months in the year 1781. That they turned out under Captain Shadrach Hargis to protect the town of Hillsboro after Governor Burke [Thomas Burke] had been taken & carried off by the Tories. That they served out the tour of three months. That they knew Jacob Vanhook as Sergeant of said company and that he served the whole of said tour.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 17th day of September 1832.

S/ J. Bumpuss, JP

S/ Bennett Williams, X his mark

S/ Bucly Walker, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>4</sup> The signature appearing above is one I took from a power of attorney signed by the veteran on May 27, 1833. The signature attached to his original claim, is clearly not his signature but rather his name written by the scribe since the handwriting of the claim and the signature are identical.