

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Vowles W18224

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Virginia }
Fauquier County } To wit

On the 15th day of February 1838 personally appeared before me W H Gaines a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Ann Vowles aged 84 years and being duly sworn according to law on her oath doth make the following declaration (in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed the 4th July 1836)

That she is the widow of James Vowles deceased who was a soldier of Infantry in the Army of the Revolution (Continental Line) and that her husband the said James Vowles enlisted in the early part of the year 1776 under Captain George Slaughter was marched to the North and was as she always understood and believes in the Battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and several others, and that he served out the time of his enlistment faithfully; that he came home and then enlisted for the continuance of the war and further that he belonged to the Army at the time of our marriage which took place in April 1781 the day of the month not recollected, that after we were married he again joined the army and was at the siege of Yorktown and after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], her husband employed a man by the name of Claridge to serve out the time of his (Vowles) enlistment when my husband returned home to me in this county, where he lived until the 17th April 1815, at which time he died and that she has remained a widow ever since his (her husband) death as will further appear by the proof hereto annexed.

Ann Vowles

State of Virginia } SS
County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] }

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County Peter Triplett [Peter H. Triplett, pension application W2706] aged 84 years of good Character for Veracity deposeseth & saith that he was well acquainted with James Vowles a Revolutionary Soldier that he knew the said Vowles before he Entered the service in the Early part of the Revolution that he left Vowles in the service at the north in the year 1779 & came home his time of service being Out & Enlisted in the Western army & that the said Vowles came home in the year 1781 & married Anne Fields of Fauquier County Virginia while he the said Vowles was a Soldier as he always understood & verily believes. This deponent Return'd from the Western Army in the Latter part of the year 1781 & the said Vowles was then Married for he saw him & Wife further this deponent saith not

Peter hisXmark Triplett

NOTE: In Nov 1837 Capt. John Bradford, 72, deposed that James Vowles was married to Anne Fields by Rev. James Craig in Fauquier County. On 4 May 1838 John F. Allen, son of Ann Vowles's sister, deposed that Ann Vowles had her first child a few days before his mother gave birth to twins on 26 Apr 1782.