

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Vivion Minor W23992

Elizabeth Minor

f79VA

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State of Virginia County of Caroline to wit

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1838 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Elizabeth Minor a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an Act of Congress passed the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1836. That she is the widow of Vivion Minor who she believes was a Lieutenant in the Regular Army during the revolution. She does not know though to what Regiment he belonged nor can she now say in what engagements he was in but has only heard him speak of his having been in the service as an officer nearly at the beginning if not with the first troops raised in Virginia she thinks that after serving about 3 or 4 years as a Lieutenant that he was made a Quarter Master in which capacity he was acting when I married him which took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1780 and that he continued to act as Quarter Master till sometime after the battle at York Town in the fall of 1781 he was when I married him called Captain Minor and I believe he got his title from the office of Quarter Master. We were married in this County at the house and by my Father Parson Archibald Dick in March 1780 as will appear by the register I believe I had a sufficiency of testimony to have proven what I have said in said Vivion Minor's Papers but as I did not think them of use they were lost with the exception of a small book appended to the affidavit of Archibald Dick and is filed or to be filed with this Declaration. She also says that her husband the said duty on Minor died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1791 and that she is now and has remained his widow.

S/ Elizabeth Minor



[p 3:family register:

Elizabeth Dick daughter of Archibald & Susana Dick was born January 12<sup>th</sup> 1760 and was married to Vivion Minor March 31<sup>st</sup> 1780

Archibald Minor Son of V. & Eliza Minor was born May 12<sup>th</sup> 1781 baptized June 29<sup>th</sup> 1781 by his grandfather. Sponsors Ah Dick, Captain Knew, Captain Fitzhugh, Mrs. Fitzhugh, Misses Martha Bowles & S. Wyatt

Joseph Minor son of Do was born November 15<sup>th</sup> 1782 3 PM baptized December 25<sup>th</sup> 1782 – Sponsors, Robert Hart, & A. Dick Junior, Mrs. Hart & [illegibly faint entry]

Alfred Minor son of Do was born June first 1784 3 PM [text written over and illegible]

Vivion Minor, son of John & Sarah Minor was born November [illegible] 1760

Barbara Cosby Daughter of David & Mary Cosby was born February 11, 1752 and was married to the said Vivion Minor June 15<sup>th</sup> 1777

George, son of Vivion & Barbara Minor was born May 1<sup>st</sup> 1774 baptized by the Reverend Archibald Dick June 12<sup>th</sup> 1774 Sponsors Major John Minor Mr. J. Gaslick [?], Mrs. E. Minor, Mrs. A. Tompkins

Mary Overton Daughter ditto was August 19<sup>th</sup> 1775 – baptized by Mr. Dick September 29<sup>th</sup> at Springfield, Sponsors Mr. A. New, & Spouse, Miss Jane Cosby

Anne Daughter Ditto born March 10<sup>th</sup> 1777 baptized by Mr. Dick Sponsors Mesrs. Ro. Johnston & Jos. Bayham, Misses E. Dick & E. Cooks & he died 10<sup>th</sup> of August following at [[illegible] Castle Buried there

Barbara Minor departed this life 24<sup>th</sup> September 1778

[9: more family register information:

George L. Minor died May 8<sup>th</sup> 1833 of the cholera in Vicksburg Mississippi in the 24 year of his age. Departed this life at Springfield the residence of of Elizabeth Minor her son Alfred Minor on Thursday morning 2:30 o'clock December 16<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1835 aged 52 years 6 months and 16 days

Vivion Minor departed this life the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1791

Lewis Minor died October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1819 of the Yellow Fever near Saint Stephen's (Alabama) aged 30 years, 9 months & 27 days

The Reverend Archibald Dick the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1811 aged 87 or 88

Eldred Minor died June 6, 1822

Susanna Dick departed this life September 26 1824 aged about 90

Thomas Vivion Coleman died 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1811, aged 8 months and 7 days

Archibald Minor died July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1827, aged 46 years 2 months and 22 days

Joseph Minor died September 1m 1827 aged 45 years 10 months & 15 days at 50 minutes after 6:00 PM

Thomas B Coleman died March 21, 1831

Susanna West died April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1808

[p 21: Finding by the Caroline County court dated December 9<sup>th</sup> 1850 that Mrs. Elizabeth Minor widow of Vivion Minor died April 1, 1846 leaving 2 children namely Mrs. Matilda Coleman wife of Robert Coleman and Mrs. Susan Wyatt widow of William S Wyatt and a grandchild Mrs. Eliza Hill wife of Edwin Hill only child of Archibald Minor deceased a son of the said Elizabeth Minor.]

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I Hensley Grubbs<sup>1</sup> of the County of Hanover and State of Virginia a Revolutionary pensioner do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with the late Captain Vivion 9 or before and after the War of the Revolution that said Vivion very early engaged in the Army entering it as a Lieutenant I think in the minute service early in 1775 and acted in such capacity until I left here which I think was in the fall 1776 I know said Minor was as a Lieutenant in actual service at least 9 or 12 months I left this section and did not return till the close of the war when I got home I found that the said Vivion was called Captain but how he got the appointment or title I know not I have heard that towards the end of the war he acted some time as Quarter Master or

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<sup>1</sup> [Hensley Grubbs S37962](#)

Commissary but can say nothing on this part of his service. Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1839

S/ Hensley Grubbs, X his mark

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I James Braxton<sup>2</sup> of Caroline County Virginia do hereby certify that I knew Ensign or Lieutenant Vivion Minor of this County & that when I entered the service in the Virginia Continental line he was then in 1776 or 1777 I do not recollect now distinctly which year acting in the state or Continental line as an officer aforesaid that I was marched to the North and did not see Minor that I now recollect till the siege of York Town Virginia in the fall 1781 at which time said Minor was acting as Commissary or Quarter Master.

Given under my hand this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1839

S/ James Braxton, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831; thereafter her pension was increased to the rate of \$320 per annum and thereafter further increased to \$480 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for her husband's service as quarter master & Captain in the Virginia service for 18 months as quarter master & 6 months as Captain.]

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<sup>2</sup> [James Braxton R1169](#)