

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Vinson (Vinsent, Vincent) W4367 Rebecca Vincent f33MD

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Mr. Wilson's U.S. Military class
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Vinsent, Aaron W4367
Or Vincent,
or Vinson
Rebecca

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Maryland

Rebecca Vinson, alias Rebecca Vincent

widow of Aaron Vinson

who was a Private Maryland

in the Revolution

husband died 18th August '40

Inscribed of the Roll at the rate of 29 Dollars 20 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1843

Certificate of Pension issued the 2nd day of June 1846 Rebecca

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I certify that on the 30th day of Augst 1792 I solemnized the Rites of marriage Aaron Vinson & Rebecca Smith. Licensed

S/ Jas. Kemp [James Kemp]

May 20th 1846 I hearby certify that the above a true copy from the records of Great Choptank Parish

S/ J. A. McKenney

Cambridge, Md

Rector of G. C. Parish

J.T & A.H. Smith Esqrs. Acts of March 3 1843 & 17th June'44 recorded in book A Volume 2 Page 256

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State of Maryland Dorchester County} SS

On this 22nd day of April personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County now sitting: Aaron Vinsent [sic] a resident of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland ages about Seventy two years who being finally 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 1832

That he entered the service of the State of Maryland under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that as near as he can remember he entered the service of the State of Maryland on or about the 10th March 1781 and served under Capt. David Lynn and Lieut. ___ Cross; he thinks in the 4th Maryland Regiment: the term for which he entered the Service was nine months which

time would have expired on the 10th Dec^r. 1781. He was discharged on the 3rd of December 1781 seven days before his time was out – he remembers General Washington & General Smallwood [William Smallwood] – he was at the siege of York and was present when Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] himself and forces up to General Washington, that he was subsequently discharged at Annapolis Md on the 3rd day of December 1781 – that he has no documentary evidence of his Service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service. That William W Eccleston & Samuel LeCompte Esquires will testify as to my character for veracity &c.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State – or if any only on that of the Agency of the State of Maryland.

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Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer In Dorchester County State of Maryland on 22 April 1781.

2nd . Have any record of your age and if so where?

Answer-- I have none it had been destroyed but I remember to have seen it in my father's bible.

3rd . Where were living when you were called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary [war], and where do you live now?

Answer I have lived in Dorchester county State of Maryland all my life passed only excepting the time I was in the Army.

4th . How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer I volunteered

5th . State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops you served such Continental and Militia regiments, as you can recollect and the general circumstance of your Service.

Answer I knew Genl. Washington Genl. Smallwood Col. Woolford and many others who I have since forgotten. My service was principally connected with the siege of York.

6th . Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what became of it and by whom was it given?

Answer I did But have had many years mislaid and lost it and I do not remember by whom it was signed.

7th . State the names persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who could testify as to your character and good behavior, your services as a soldier?

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William W. Eccleston and Samuel LeCompte Esquire can testify as to my character &c As for my Services I know of no one who can testify on my behalf most of my fellow soldiers having departed this life. I here with forward a certificate from the land office of this State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of April 1833

S/ Aaron Vinsent, X his mark

I Stevens W. Woolford Clergyman residing in Dorchester County State of Maryland and William W. Eccleston gentleman residing in the same do certify from our knowledge of Aaron Vincent (the applicant in the forgoing declaration) we believe his statement to be entitled to full credit: and that he actually served in the Revolutionary War as started in his declaration we are well convinced.

Sworn and subscribed this day and year of for.

S/ Stevens W. Woolford

S/ Wm W. Eccleston

War Department
 Pension Office
 30th Jany. 1834

The evidence in support of your claim under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing the papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show that is necessary to done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of Aaron Vinson

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
1781.	8.	20	priv	Cap. Lyau	72 years Maryland		

On this twentieth day of May Eighteen Hundred and forty Six personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Orphants Court of the aforesaid County and State, a court of record, Rebecca Vinson a resident of the county of Dorchester and State of Maryland Aged seventy two years of his being First duly sworn according to law doth on his [sic, her] oath make the following declaration on order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838. Entitled an act, granting half pay and pensions to certain widows of soldiers that served in the revolutionary war and that, the aforesaid Rebecca Vinson who was the law full widow of Aaron Vinson who was a private in the militia raised in the said County to serve in the Continental army which will be more fully set forth by referring to the pension papers of the foresaid Aaron Vinson on file in the pension office annually about \$29.20 and this deponent Rebecca Vinson doth further state that her maiden name was Rebecca Smith before she was married to her deceased husband Aaron Vinson (for whose service I am making application for a pension) in the month of Augst. and year Seventeen hundred and ninety two. And at a place called Great chop tank Parish by the Rev James Kemp who at the time a clergy man in the Protestant Church the aforesaid Rebecca Vinson doth further state that she had lawful Children to her deceased husband Aaron Venson who departed this life on the month of Augst and the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty and that she still remains a widow and this deponent further states that she not married to him Prior to his leaving the service in Seventeen hundred and eighty one but the marriage took place precious to the first of January Seventeen Hundred and Ninety four viz. at the time above stated her.

S/ Rebecca Vinson, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed to and the day and year foresaid before me one of the Judges of the Orphans Court of Dorchester County and the State of Maryland
S/ Arthur Bell

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Maryland Sct.

I Thomas H. Hicks Register of Wills in and for Dorchester County do certify to all manner of persons to whom it doth or may concern that Arthur Bell before whom the foregoing affidavit was sworn and whose name is thereto annexed was at the time of taking the same a Justice of the Orphans Court for Dorchester County in the State of Maryland and still is and the signature thereto is in his own proper hand writing.

In testimony whereof I have to set my name and seal of my said office affixed this (?) day of May 1846

Thos. H. Hicks Regr W.D.C. [Register of Wills, Dorchester County]

Revised and supplemented by Will Graves

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Land Office; Annapolis; February 28th, 1833;

I hereby Certify, that it appears by a payroll remaining in this office, endorsed, "An Alphabetical list of Discharged soldiers of the two battalions of Militia raised to serve 9 months, or until 10 December 1781;" – That the name of Aaron Vinsent [sic] appears upon said list to have received £12.0^s.0^d and to have been discharged on 3rd December 1781

S/ George G Brewer
Register Land Office

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 23 days in the Maryland militia.]