

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Vasser (Verser) W6339 Sarah Vasser VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 June 2015.

State of Virginia: Halifax County to wit:

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the county and State aforesaid Sarah Vasser or Verser (for the name is differently spelt) a resident of said County and State, aged 82 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled “an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows—“

That she is the Widow of Nathaniel Vasser or Verser, late of the said County and State, who was a Private of the Virginia Militia, in the war of the Revolution. She declares, that she has no personal knowledge of the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary war, excepting what she heard from him in his life time, and from others who served with him at the period. She recollects distinctly hearing him repeat over and over again that he was a considerable length of time in actual service, was engaged in many battles, and suffered many hardships and privations. That from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to recollection the history of her husbands services as detailed by him; and therefore prefers to depend on the statements of old soldiers who served with him, whose certificates accompany this declaration. That for the same reason above stated, she cannot state with any degree of certainty, the exact length of time he was in actual service altogether, although he served three tours of duty, each of three months, and rendered other service besides – yet she will only claim a pension for nine months service altogether. She farther states, that her said husband departed this life long before the passage of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, and therefore has never drawn a pension of any sort or description, or received from his country any remuneration whatever for his services. In support of her claim, she refers to the Army Records of the period, and the accompanying certificates of old and reputable soldiers.

She farther declares that she was married to the said Nathaniel Vasser or Verser in the County of Halifax by Parson Dodson by the publication of banns in the spring of 1782, the particular day and month not recollected: that said Parson Dodson is dead. That her husband, the aforesaid Nathaniel Vasser or Verser died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place, previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four: to wit, at the time above stated.

Sarah herXmark Vasser

Virginia: Halifax County to wit:

I Charles Hudson [pension appliation S5576] of Halifax, do hereby certify, that I was intimately acquainted with Nathaniel Vasser or Verser late of Halifax County, in the Revolutionary war, and know the fact being a soldier with him at the time, that said Nathaniel Vasser was in the month of January 1780, drafted in the Militia for the term of three months under Capt Joshua Powell from Halifax, and marched to Portsmouth in Virginia. Charles Womack was Lieutenant in the company. He served the said three months faithfully, and was honorably discharged from service.

That during the same year (1780) about June or July the said Nathaniel Vasser was drafted in the Militia a second time for the term of three months under Capt Faulkner of Halifax and marched to the Point of Fork on James River [at its confluence with Rivanna River], which term of three months he served faithfully and was honorably discharged from service.

That the said Nathaniel Vasser during the year 1781 was drafted in the Militia the third time for the term of three months under Capt Roberts of Halifax and marched to Yorktown, and was engaged in the siege of that place. He served in the said term faithfully, and after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] was regularly discharged from service. The said Nathaniel Vasser served in the whole nine months as coming within my personal knowledge and was a good soldier. I am in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of age, and was a

soldier of the Revolution.

Charles hisXmark Hudson Sr

Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

I Peter Hudson [S5596] of Lunenburg, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Nathaniel Vasser in the Revolutionary war and recollect that he served three tours of duty in the militia of three months each under Capt Powell, Capt Faulkner, and Capt. Roberts all from the county of Halifax. I was not in service with him but recollect that he was drafted and marched under the above named officers. I further certify that according to my best recollection at this time, that said Nathaniel Vasser was married to Sarah Hudson in Halifax in the spring of 1782 by the publication of banns by old parson Dodson, who has been dead for many years. I am in the 77<sup>th</sup> year of my age, was a soldier of the Revolution, and now a pensioner of the United States.

Peter hisXmark Hudson

NOTES:

Peter Vasser certified the date of death of Nathaniel Vasser.

Another statement by Charles and William Hudson in support of the application lists the names and years of birth of eight children of Nathaniel and Sarah Vasser as follows: Tabby Vasser about 1782, Levi Vasser 1784, Peter Vasser 1786, Elizabeth Vasser 1789, Abram H. (or Abraham) Vasser 1791, Martha Vasser 1793, Susan Vasser 1795, Rebecca Vasser (year not stated).