

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Almond Vaughan W6342      Joanna      f45VA  
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State of Virginia Culpeper County: SS

On this 16th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County, now sitting Almond Vaughan resident in said County and State aged seventy-five years on the 19th of April last, 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 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the County of Caroline Virginia on the 19th of April 1756, but at the age of 15 removed to Culpeper and has lived there ever since. That he first entered the service in the year 1777 about the month of August and marched to the North under command of Colonel James Barbour, Major Roberts, Captain Waugh, and Lieutenant Rueben Moore – That he marched through Maryland to Pennsylvania and joined Washington's Army, that he was there attached to Crawford's Regiment, Barbour leaving the troops in Maryland. That he was discharged with the Company about the last of December 1777 making a tour of four months.

That at another time he was again drafted and marched to Hunters forge when the British had entered the Potomac, and burnt Brent's Buildings and threatened the works at the forge. In this expedition he thinks Colonel William Thornton and James Thomas Captain commanded that the occasion ending the troops were discharged, but he recollects it was considered a tour, and was so considered in subsequent drafts.

That afterwards, he does not recollect, whether in 1778 or 1779 he again went in the service as substitute for Richard Waugh who had resigned his Captaincy and been drafted. That on this tour Captain Bradley commanded the company he belonged to – does not recollect the Colonel – Colonel Hill and others were along – That he marched toward Richmond and after some time was discharged, he supposes a tour of two months, as it rated for a tour. That he was not again in the service.

That he can prove the above service by Captain Reuben Moore <sup>1</sup>who was Lieutenant & by Thomas Vaughan.<sup>2</sup> 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 or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed this day in open court.

S/ Almond Vaughan<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W8466

<sup>2</sup> FPA S6298

<sup>3</sup> I do not believe that the signature appearing on this application is the actual signature of the veteran since the

I Reuben Moore a resident of the County of Culpeper Virginia do hereby certify that I had a Lieutenant's Command in Captain Waugh's Company when it marched to the North as stated in the Declaration above subscribed by Almond Vaughan, and know that he performed the said service as he states – also that I was [with?] him as a private in the tour at Hunter's forge – I have known him ever since and consider him entitled to full credence in what he states.

S/ R. Moore

I Thomas Vaughan of Culpeper County do hereby certify that I was with Almond on who subscribed the above Declaration in the two tours certified to by Captain Moore – and further, that I know, that he served the tour as substitute for Richard Waugh as he states as I took him to Orange Courthouse on a horse to join the troop and knew when he returned.

S/ Thomas Vaughan

And the court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant, he being under oath, and in which he answered as herein after recorded viz.

Quest. 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In the County of Caroline Virginia on the 19th day of April 1756

Quest. 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no other than what I made myself from what my parents told me

Quest. 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Culpeper at that time, and have done so since.

Quest. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered when I went to the North, was drafted for the forge service and if a substitute for Richard Waugh in the 3rd tour.

Quest. 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I have given the names of my officers – I knew Washington in Pennsylvania Crawford &c at the North and sold many others, I might state many circumstances of my service but it would be tedious.

Quest. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I will never did in writing, we were discharged altogether

Quest. 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I have lived ever since the revolution in this County and the Court may called upon any manner they see for the character I have sustained

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State of Virginia Culpeper County: SS

On this 20th day of December 1832 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared, Almond Vaughan resident of said County and State and being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he is perfectly satisfied that the service of which he speaks in his declaration as being with Washington in Pennsylvania was as he states for four

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months as when he started he went first to Bowling Green and returning went on without loss of time to Pennsylvania –

That the second service of which he speaks in the said declaration (which was made on the 16th of August last in open Court) he supposed he would get paid for as it was rated (2 months) – That he cannot recollect precisely the length of that service but remembers enough to say that it was at least one month. That he does not recollect what year the service was rendered, but thinks it was early in 1776 because Dunmore was in the River below and it was on that account that troops were called to Hunter's forge; Brent's buildings having been just burnt –

The third tour the one as substitute for Richard Waugh, was to be a two months tour but did not extend quite to that period. – He was in service at that time more than one month but cannot say precisely how much more – that he is well satisfied that his whole service amounted to nearly seven months certainly over six.

Given under my hand and seal.

S/ F. J. Thompson, JP

[f p. 11: On June 21, 1847 in Culpeper County Virginia, Reuben Vaughn, son-in-law of Almond Vaughan & Joanna Vaughan his wife, filed a claim stating that he married the daughter of Almond and Joanna Vaughan, Polly Vaughan; that his mother-in-law Joanna departed this life May 6, 1845 leaving the following children, Polly, wife of Reuben Vaughn; Nancy Stone (a widow); Harriet Cooper wife of Leroy Cooper; Sally Coppage wife of John Coppage; Fanny Herring wife of John Herring; Martha Coppage wife of Aug<sup>n</sup> Coppage; and Amelia Vaughan; he states that all of them were living at the time of his mother-in-law's death and that they are still alive; he claims the pension and arrearages that would have been due his mother-in-law at the time of her death.]

[facts in file: Veteran married February one, 1784 in Culpeper County Virginia, Joanna, the daughter of Isaac Harris. The veteran died May 21 or 22, 1842.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing May 21, 1842 and ending when she died May 6, 1845.]