

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Vaughan W6343 Martha

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State of Virginia Dinwiddie County Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Dinwiddie Absalom Vaughan a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 69 years the 19th of October 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 the 7th 1832.

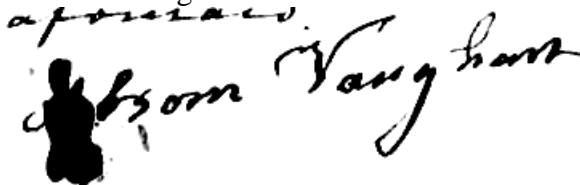
That he entered the service of the United States as a militia soldier under the following named officers and served the following towers [tours] of duty in the year 1778 and 1779, the first tower under Captain William Eppes and others one month, the second tower, under Captain Baker Pegram and others one month and a half, the third tower under Captain Peterson Goodwyn one month, the fourth tower under Captain John Nicholas & others, one month and a half; the fifth tower under Captain William Lewis, two months making altogether seven months.

That in the year 1781 he joined the United States Army at Goochland Courthouse under Colonel Charles Dabney, Captain Gibbs, Lieutenant Woodson & Ensign Slaughter and marched from there to little York and joined the Army under General George Washington, after the taking of York and the Army under Cornwallis, he was marched to Richmond as a guard to the prisoners and discharged in March 1782 that in this tower he served seven months. That he does not recollect what became of his discharge not expecting [it] to be of any service to him, he even destroyed it or lost it.

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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Absom Vaughan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Absalom Vaughan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'A'.

[Isham E Hargrove, a clergyman, and E H Pegram gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I hereby certify that I was in the service with Absalom Vaughan the above applicant the greater part of the time as stated in the above declaration and have no hesitation in saying that I believe his declaration to be correct.

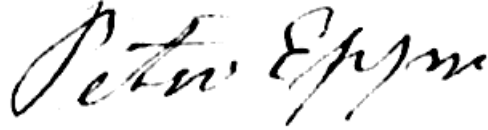
Sworn to in court this 17th day of September 1832

S/ Thomas Hawks,<sup>1</sup> X his mark

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Absalom Vaughan the above applicant and was in the service in the same Regiment with him in the year 1781 and I believe the statements in his declaration to be correct.

Sworn to in court the day and year above written .

S/ Peter Eppes<sup>2</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Eppes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[f p 10: On March 28, 1843, in Dinwiddie County Virginia, Martha Vaughan, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of Absalom Vaughan a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the town of Petersburg; that they were married by Parson Harrison in or about the month of December 1789; and that her husband died in Dinwiddie County April 15, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 14: copy of a marriage bond dated October 1, 1788 issued to Absalom Vaughan and Henry Vaughan in Dinwiddie County Virginia the condition of which was the marriage of Absalom Vaughan to Martha Vaughan (spinster) in the "Protestant Episcopal Church"]

[f p 12: Court finding dated June 18, 1845 entered in Dinwiddie County Virginia finding that Martha Vaughan widow of Absalom Vaughan died September 18, 1843 leaving 3 children namely Rebecca, who intermarried with Hartwell Ivy, Mary who intermarried with Josiah Farlow, and Hartwell Vaughan.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing April 15, 1839.]

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<sup>1</sup> FPA W7658

<sup>2</sup> [Peter Epps S8424](#)