

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Vachel Lovelace (Lovlace) W9144 Margaret Lovelace f28NC
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State of Kentucky Graves County} Sct

On this 16th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William Armstrong, James Cochran & Daniel Cargill Justices of the Graves County Court now sitting Vachel Lovelace a resident of said County of Graves and Commonwealth aforesaid aged Seventy five years 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.

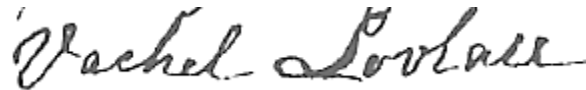
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit. He states that he was born in Frederick County State of Maryland on the 12th day of June 1758 as appears from the record of his age now in his possession which was many years since from his father's record of his children's ages. That he was raised in said County of Frederick till he was about 16 years of age when he moved to Rowan County North Carolina where he continued to reside till he entered the service for a tour of six months on the 1st day of April 1777 as an Indian Spy under Captain David Caldwell Lieut. Richard McGuire Ensign John Knox all of a Regiment commanded by Colonel Locke [Francis Locke] who was under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. He states however that in actual service he had no superior Officer to his Captain in as much as has no other than a single company of Spies was put out from Rowan. He states that he met with his company at Shells Ford on the Catawby River [Catawba River] and from thence marched to Davidson's fort at the foot of the blue Ridge on the head of the Catawby River at which place he remained for the purpose of Ranging the Country round and protecting the frontiers till the expiration of his term of six months when he received a discharge signed by his Capt. David Caldwell which discharge has long since been lost by this applicant. He states that he entered the above service as a volunteer in said company of spies. After being discharged he returned home where he remained till he again entered the service as a volunteer on the 1st of September 1780 under Capt. Robeson Colonel Waid Hampton [sic, Wade Hampton] and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. He states that he rendezvoused at Mecklenburg Court house from which place he was sent to range and watch the Country round Winnsborough to which place Cornwallis had retreated after Ferguson's defeat.¹ He states that a considerable part of this tours service consisted of watching ferries [&?] Mills and in cutting off foraging parties of the British. He states that he was in a sharp engagement with a party of

¹ Patrick Ferguson was defeated at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

British at a place called the Fish Dam² [November 9, 1780] on Broad River and that his party were defeated.³ He states that in a few days after he was in another severe engagement under General Sumter at Blackstock's plantation [November 20, 1780]⁴ on Tyger River. Sumter had near a thousand men but was nevertheless defeated and badly wounded. From this place he was marched to Buffenton's Iron works on Pacolet [River] where he remained but a few days from which place he was marched with the Army to Col. Watson's plantation where the troops remained some time, when he was marched to Mecklenburg Court house having served out his tour of three months at which place he received his discharge signed by General Horatio Gates in bearing date the 3rd day of December 1780. This was his last term of service. He shortly afterwards moved to the State of Kentucky (from Rowan County) in which state he continued to reside ever since.

He has no documentary evidence of his services nor has he any better evidence than he here addresses including the certificate of his brother Elias Lovlace but his neighbors to wit Peter Mahan, Samuel Mahan, Lewis Good, Benjamin Kimmel, James Ashley and others who are well acquainted with him will bear ample testimony as to his character for veracity and to his being reputed a soldier of the Revolution. 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.

S/ Vachel Lovlace



Subscribed and sworn to in open court the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Anderson, CG

[Lewis Goad, a clergyman, and Walter W. Adams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for McCracken County State of Kentucky Elias Lovlace⁵ a resident of McCracken County aged 78 years who being by reason of his great age & bodily infirmity wholly unable to attend Court doth upon his oath make and certify that he is an elder brother to Vachel Lovlace who has signed the above declaration, that he resided in Rowan County North Carolina during the Revolutionary War, That he knows that his said brother Vachel Lovlace served as an Indian spy in the year 1777 under Captain David Caldwell and that he believes the same was a 6 months tour. He also states that said Vachel was in the service against the British in the year 1780. That he knows from circumstances that all his statements contained in the foregoing declaration are true although he does not know positively that they are.

S/ Elias Lovlace



² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

³ Actually, the engagement at Fish Dam on November 9, 1780 was a victory for the Whigs under Sumter. It is possible that the engagement to which the veteran intended to refer was the earlier engagement at Fishing Creek on August 18, 1780 at which the forces under Sumter were soundly defeated. See.

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

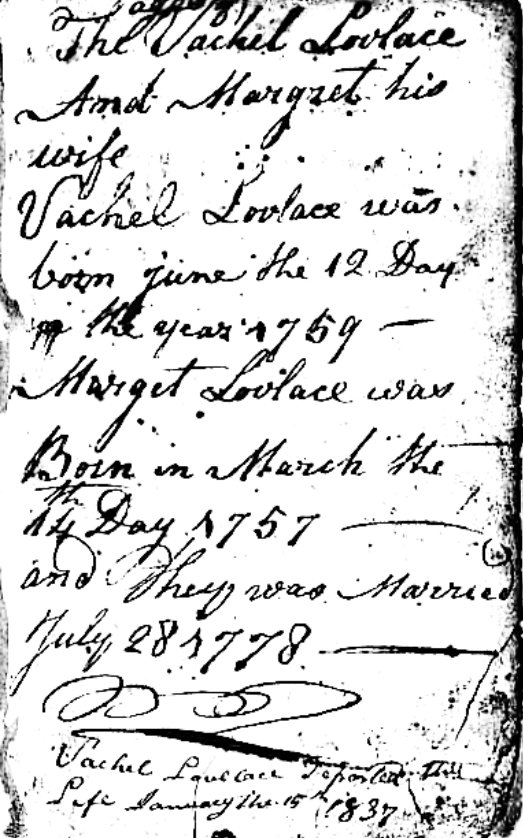
⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁵ [Elias Lovlace W9143](#)

[p 11: On June 2, 1840 Graves County Kentucky, Margaret Lovelace, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Vachel Lovelace; that she married him in the month of July or August 1778; that her husband died in Graves County Kentucky January 16, 1837; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On June 2, 1840 in McCracken County Kentucky, Anne Lovelace, widow of Elias Lovelace, testified that she was present at the marriage of Vachel Lovelace and Margaret his wife in Rowan County North Carolina some time in late July or first of August in the year 1778. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 4 family record]

<p>The Vachel Lovlace [sic]⁶</p> <p>And Margret his wife</p> <p>Vachel Lovelace was born June the 12 Day in the year 1759</p> <p>Marget Lovelace was Born in March the 14th Day 1757</p> <p>and they was Married July 28th 1778</p> <p>Vachel Lovelace Departed this Life January the 15th 1837</p>	 <p>The Vachel Lovlace And Margret his wife Vachel Lovlace was born June the 12 Day in the year 1759 — Marget Lovlace was Born in March the 14th Day 1757 — and they was Married July 28 1778 — Vachel Lovlace Departed this Life January the 15 1837</p>
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⁶ All of these surnames appearing in this family record were spelled "Lovlace" or "Lovless", but I have spelled the names "Lovelace" to facilitate searches since that is the more common spelling of the name.

George Adams Lovelace
was Born March 13th 1780

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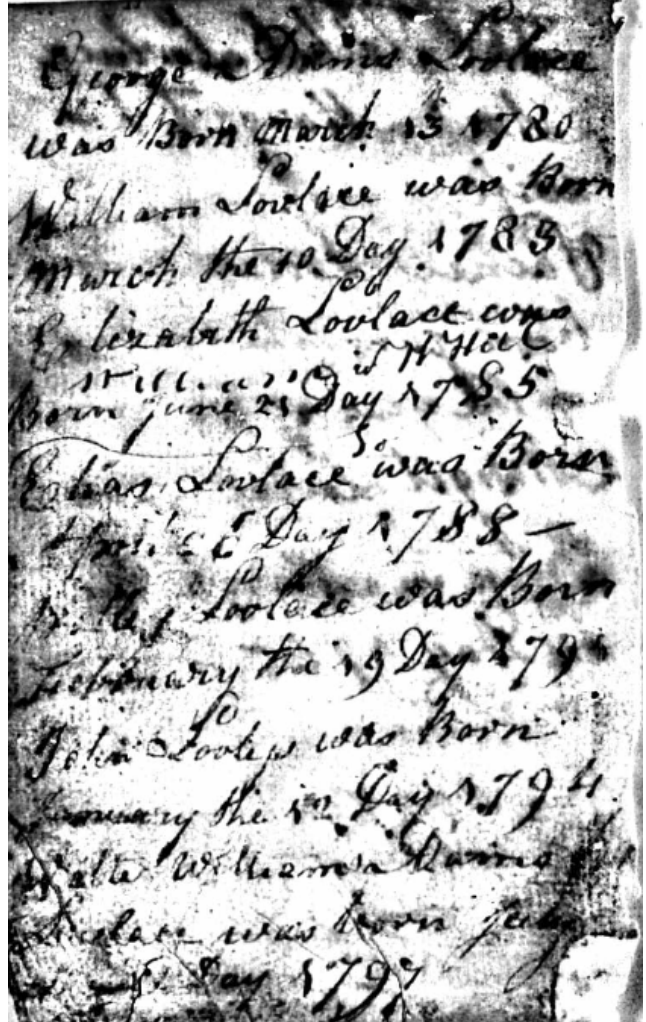
Elizabeth Lovelace was
William ? H. Hill
Born June 21 day 1785

Elias Lovelace was Born
April 6 Day 1788

[illegible] Lovelace was Born
February the 19 Day 1791[?]

John Lovelace was Born
January the 12 Day 1794

Walter Williams Morris
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned at a like amount commencing January 17th, 1837.]