

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Vinciner S32569

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State of Illinois Greene County: SS: On this 3rd day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before __ Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Greene and State of Illinois George Vinciner aged seventy-one years and some months resident of the County & State aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in 1761 (month not known) in Roan County [Rowan County] North Carolina. That he was living at Harrodsburg in Kentucky in the fall of the year (he thinks) 1777 when he volunteered to serve during the war and entered the service of the United States commanded by Captain Robert George first Lieutenant Richard Clark 2nd Lieutenant John Dalton, Colonel Montgomery, Major Wales and Major Crittenton, General George Rogers Clark and served five years and two months in an artillery company as a private and received a discharge which has been destroyed. That he marched from Harrodsburg to Louisville Kentucky which was head quarters. Thence he marched to Opost (now Vincennes) and that Opost was surrendered by the enemy without the firing of a gun, which was in consequence of the management of General Clark who caused some wooden cannons to be drawn in sight of the enemy, then sent the enemy word "to surrender immediately or he would storm the Fort["] and they surrendered instantly. That he then was marched to Kaskaskia and was present when that town was surrendered by the enemy. That after that he was on various scouts and expeditions and was present when several Indian Towns were taken. That he marched to Chillicothe and was present when it was taken. That after he had served his 5 years and 2 months he went back to Harrodsburg and lived in Kentucky till about 11 years ago when he moved to Indiana lived there about seven years then moved to Greene County Illinois where he has lived for the last 4 years. That about 14 years ago he proved that he served 5 years 6 months before Judge Tompkins in Barren Co. Ky. That the Judge gave him a copy of the proof which copy has been destroyed. That he expects a copy of the Record of what was proved before Judge Tompkins might now be obtained but he is unable to procure it on account of the expense. That he recollects the names of several officers besides those he has already mentioned – that is – Captain Bailey, Captain Edward Worthington, & Adjutant John Dalton. That the Regiment to which he belonged was called the Illinois Regiment. That he is known to many persons in his present neighborhood who can testify concerning him among whom he would name John Davidson and Matthew Garrison.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory. That he has no record of his age but that his relatives & friends told him his age when he was yet a child and from what they told him and

from events that have taken place since he knows his age to be what he has stated. That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the precise date when he entered the service but that he has stated it, as he thinks, correctly after much reflection. That he recollects that when he had served just 5 years news came that peace was made but that he was detained 2 months after that, but he was discharged as a private. That he claims a pension for 5 years and 2 months service

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Vinciner, X his mark

[John Davidson and Matthew Garrison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the artillery in the Virginia Continental line.]