

SAMUEL VANCE

(3-1796)

SERVICE

NUMBER

N.B.

Vance, Samuel

1882

Va.

Contents

Recorded

5946

Township Agency

Samuel Vance

of Greene in the State of Tennessee

who was a Private in the Company commanded

by Captain Shelby of the Legion commanded

by Col. Vance in the war of

1812 for 9 months from 1817,

Recorded in the Book of Township Agency -

at the rate of 9¢ - Dollars & Cents per annum

to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Service paid the 20th day of Feb.

1832 and was then paid

Amount to 1st of Sep. 1832 50.00

Remains, allowance owing to him 11.33

61.33

{ Revolutionary War, }

{ Act June 7, 1832 }

Recorded by Clerk

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Samuel Vance was in Greene County by 1784, when on February 2 of that year he exercised a Land Warrant for 250 acres located on Little Chucky. In 1787, he signed the Petition for Statehood. By 1796, Samuel owned 500 acres of land on the Headwaters of Richland Creek.

Samuel appears on the 1835 Pension Roster of Greene County, age 93. He died intestate on September 1, 1838, leaving a Widow whose name is not known.

Pension application of Samuel Vance S1882
Transcribed by Will Graves

fn34NC [sic, VA]
rev'd 7/9/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Tennessee Greene County: For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828

I Samuel Vance of the County of Greene in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I was an orderly Sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Caldwell of the Virginia Line in the Regiment which he does not exactly know but to which he belonged and served in that capacity to the end of the War of the Revolution.

Before me Joseph Brown Esq. an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Greene and State of Tennessee personally appeared Samuel Vance who subscribed the following declaration and made oath that he was enlisted as a private soldier under Captain Andrew Caldwell of Washington County and State of Virginia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell. That he continued in the Capacity of a private under him till he was succeeded by Colonel Arthur Campbell that he served in the capacity of a private soldier until the year 1780 in the southern division of the Army of the Revolution till the close of the war and that he was a faithful soldier who fought hard for his Country's rights at the different times and also at Kings Mountain and now is almost unable to get enough to subsist upon that his arm is entirely useless to him and of [one or more indecipherable words] is compelled to ask of his Country to due him that justice to enroll him on the list of the pensioners of the Army of the Revolution and in the aforesaid act of Congress

S/ [indecipherable signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th of December 1828

S/ Joseph Brown, JP

State of Tennessee, Greene County

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powell Judge of the Circuit Courts of the State of Tennessee holding the Circuit Court for Greene County aforesaid Samuel Vance aged Seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after named to wit: That he entered the service in the year 1774 and served in the Campaign as a volunteer against the Shawnee Indians under Captain Evan Shelby in the Army of General Lewis and was in the battle at Point Pleasant where they fought the Indians from sunrise till sunset. He was then marched across the Ohio River on past the Salt Licks when Governor Dunmore went over to the Camps to stop them, he was then marched to Governor Dunmore's camp & remained there some days then returned to Point Pleasant where he was together with the whole Army verbally discharged by Captain Shelby. In this Battle they were victorious, the Americans losing about 140 men in killed and wounded, the loss of the Indians was not known; they got but 19 scalps for the Indians removed their dead in numbers and thrust them into the River. He

then returned home after having been out to the best of his recollection about eight weeks.

In the month of May (4th or 5th) he volunteered under Captain James Montgomery in the year he thinks 1777 in an expedition against the Indians (Shawnees) was marched to Moore's Fort in this company he was the orderly Sergeant. While at Moore's Fort new recruits without any officers joined their company; they were ordered to Fort Liberty under the command of this applicant and there remained guarding the Fort one month which was the time the volunteers usually were engaged to serve.

He went again for a month to the mouth of Big Creek in Virginia as orderly Sergeant to guard that (Virginia) frontier against the Indians he cannot recollect any other officer than Lieutenant George Rooks as he is very infirm and his memory greatly impaired, and Colonel Martin he believes was superintendent of the Cherokee Station.

He again went to Captain Shelby's house along with about 8 others to guard his house and that vicinity as it was in the extreme frontier and the Indians had been committing many depredations, he was gone this time about two weeks, was ordered by Captain J. Montgomery by command of Colonel Campbell.

He again volunteered under Captain Colville and joined Col. William Campbell and Colonel McDowell on Watauga River, who marched them over Yellow Mountain into North Carolina, crossed Broad River and by Cowpens on to King's Mountain where they surprised the British main guard who took them for Tories. They then dismounted and had a sanguinary battle of about one hour perhaps, in which they were completely victorious. This applicant was the officer of the guard of prisoners condemned to be hung, 52 were condemned he thinks but only 9 were hung. He was in that battle and acted at the battle of Kings Mountain as orderly Sergeant.

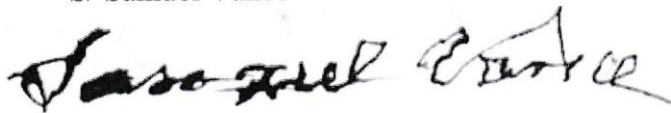
He went with the prisoners taken in this battle as far as Wilkes County N. C. where he was verbally discharged by Colonel Campbell. He was out in that Campaign about from three to five months he thinks.

Shortly after he returned he again volunteered under then Colonel and late Governor John Sevier and served a campaign against the Cherokee Indians to Hiwassee River and had a battle at Big Hiwassee Town where they killed about 25 Indians. He was out on this tour he thinks about one month – and in all from nine to 12 months. His memory is so much impaired from old age and extreme disability that he cannot now recollect the dates when he volunteered nor the length of his service well but he is confident that he has not exceeded the time. He states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service except the affidavit hereto annexed and that there is no minister of the Gospel in his vicinity. He went from Washington County Virginia. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed this 4 September 1832 in open Court.

S/ V. Sevier, Clk

S/ Samuel Vance



[Standard supporting certificate of veracity and belief of services given by Jotham Brown and Stephen K. Alexander.]

[Facts in file: veteran died September 1, 1838 leaving a widow whose name is not set forth in the file; there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office,

October 1st, 1834.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1833, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," The widow of Samuel Vance, dec'd, a Pensioner on the Roll of the Jonesborough, Ind. Agency, at the rate of Twenty Six Dollars and Sixty Six Cents per annum, under the law of the 7th June 1832, has been paid at this Department, from the 1st of March 1834, to the 1st September 1835, the day of his death.

Respectfully, yours,

Wm. R. Parry
Comptroller

To the Commissioner of Pensions,

Present.

8 February 1938

The Pension Department,
The United States Government,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Kindly advise me the
pension record of Samuel Vance,
who served in the Revolutionary
War in Virginia line and drew
pension in Greene county.

Thank you!

Cordially yours,

John S. Van Gilder,
714 West Hill Avenue,
Knoxville, Tennessee.



February 25, 1938

Samuel Vance
S. 1982
BA-J/ATP

Mr. John S. Van Gilder
714 West Hill Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Samuel Vance, who served from Virginia, and was pensioned while living in Greene County, Tennessee.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S. 1982, based upon the military service of Samuel Vance in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of Samuel Vance were not given, nor were the names of his parents stated.

Samuel Vance volunteered from Washington County, Virginia in the year 1774, served about about eight weeks against the Shawnee Indians, under Captain Evan Shelby and General Lewis, and was in the battle of Point Pleasant.

He enlisted May 4 or 5, 1777, served one month as orderly sergeant in Captain James Montgomery's Virginia company; served one month under Lieutenant George Brooks in Colonel Martin's Virginia regiment; served two weeks as guard at Captain Shelby's house; served from three to five months as orderly sergeant in Captain Andrew Colville's company, Colonel William Campbell's

Virginia regiment, and was in the battle of King's Mountain; and served one month in Colonel Sevier's North Carolina regiment, and was in the battle of Big Hiawasses.

The soldier, Samuel Vance, was allowed pension on her application executed September 4, 1832, at which time he was aged seventy-eight years, and a resident of Greene County, Tennessee. He died September 1, 1838, leaving a widow, whose name was not given.

The papers on file in this claim contain no reference to children.

In order to obtain the name of the person paid the last payment of this pension, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., and furnish the following data-

Samuel Vance
Certificate # 5948
Issued February 30, 1833
Rate \$36.66 per annum
Commenced March 4, 1831
Act of June 7, 1832
Jonesboro, Tennessee Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator