

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Vause VAS4813  
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State of Virginia }  
Hardy County Sct }

Joseph Vanmeter [S16010] aged seventy eight years a soldier of the revolution this day personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with the late Capt. William Vause of the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiment commanded by Colo James Wood [BLWt2419-500] on continental establishment during the revolutionary war, that said Vause entered the service in the year 1776 and never resigned his commission but returned home just before the close of the war of the revolution as a supernumerary officer – this affiant knew said Vause from the time he entered the service until the day of his death & served with him in said regiment & I the said Justice do certify that said Joseph Vanmeter is a respectable man worthy of Credit upon oath Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833 Mortimer D Williams

State of Virginia }  
Hampshire County } S.S.

William Inskeep an aged and highly respectable man this day personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with the late Captain William Vause of the said County; that he knew him during the revolutionary war that he well remembers his recruiting men for the service, his going off to join the army and his returning, that he recollects when many officers returned as supernumeraries, said Vause also returned and this affiant always understood that said Vause returned home as supernumerary and never resigned, but was an officer to the close of the war.

That said William Vause died four years since leaving the following children William Vause, Thomas Vause, Solomon Vause, Theodosia Inskeep (now a widow) & Jemimah Fox and that the said Jemimah Fox has since died leaving the following children, Absolam, Vause, George, William F, Gabriel & Amos, Eliza the wife of Joseph Williams, Ann the wife of Isaac Inskeep, Rebecca who died leaving an infant child named William Fox Temple, Julian Fox, Rachel Fox, and Sarah the wife of Ebenezer McCullough. Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1833. David Gilson

State of Virginia/ Augusta County to wit,

This day Smith Thompson [S38438] of said County, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County, and made oath that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, and that he is now in his eighty sixth year. That he knew William Vause who joined the said Virginia line, on Continental establishment as a first Lieutenant, at Valley Forge in the year 1777 and he believes belonged to the 1st Virginia Regiment. he marched with the army to the North and he believes he was at the Battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and White plains [28 Oct 1776], and was in that year as he now verily believes in command of a company as a Captain Whether he served to the end of the war he does not know.

And I certify that I am well acquainted with the said Smith Thompson and I have no doubt of his being a soldier of the Revolutionary Army and about the age of eighty six as stated in the above affidavit. [One sentence undeciphered]

Given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1833. John B Breckinridge

I do hereby Certify that William Vause was appointed a Captain in the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the beginning of the year 1777, and continued to act as such till the Arrangement at Cumberland Old Court House, when he was Superceded as an Absentee. that in the Spring of the year 1783 General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] appointed a Board of Officers (of which I was President) to enquire into the Circumstances of Captain Vause's case, he appeared, and made satisfactory proof to the Board that he was in the Western Country, and cou'd not Possibly have had notice of the meeting Ordered at Cumberland Court House in consequence of which the Board were unanimously of Opinion that he ought to be reinstated.

Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1784.

James Wood [BLWt2419-500] late B. G.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Wood". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.