

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Vandegriff (Vandergriff) R10839

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: September Sessions 1833

On this 18th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record having the power of fine & imprisonment Jacob Vandegriff a resident citizen of the County of Grainger and State of Tennessee aged seventy-three 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United [States] in the year 1780 in the last days of May under Haman Critz Captain & enlisted at a place called Spoon Creek in Henry County State of Virginia Captain Critz marched us to the Hollows of Dan River against the Tories where they were embodied we marched near to where the Tories were & they fled & Captain Critz Company pursued the Tories to the Yadkin River and not coming up with the Tories we marched back to the Dan River where we remained until our time of service expired which was three months we were discharged by Captain Haman Critz & returned home this tour of duty was shortly before the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] we joined no Regiment nor had any field officer the Captain was our chief commander. The next winter as well as he can recollect he enlisted for a tour of three months at the Courthouse of Henry County State of Virginia about Christmas under Captain Levi Jarvis we were ordered to guard about 500 British prisoners which were delivered to us we did guard them for three months when our time of service expired we were discharged by Captain Jarvis, while we had the prisoners we were pursued by the British, we kept along the mountain & avoided them, kept our prisoners until we were relieved & discharged at Smith's River he cannot state the names of officers with whom he served except his two captains Haman Critz & Levi Jarvis because no field officer was at any time with him. He received a discharge for each time of service which he has lost knows of no person except his brother Gilbert Vandegriff who resides in Hamilton County by whom he can make proof of his said services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Jacob Vandegriff, X his mark

[C. McAnally, a clergyman, and George Brock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Johnson County [Johnston County] State of North Carolina in the year 1763 but have forgot the month & day of the month

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

A. I have no record I am unable to write or read

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary

War & where do you now live

Answer. I was living in Henry County Virginia when called into service I removed from Henry County to what is now the State of Tennessee & now reside in Grainger County.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

Answer. I did not serve with any Regiment of troops, nor did I know any regular officer. I have stated as many circumstances of my service as I can now recollect in my Declaration

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer. I received 2 discharges which are lost the first given by Captain Critz & the other by Captain Jarvis

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution I will name besides those who have already certified General Cocke, Colonel Easley, Joseph Beeler – Colonel Clinch and many others I could name.

[f p 46: On April 8th 1834 in Hamilton County Tennessee, Gilbert Vandergriff & Garrett Vandergriff gave testimony that they are well acquainted with Jacob Vandergriff of Grainger County East Tennessee that he is 73 years old and that they believe he served 6 months in the revolution as a private soldier. They signed their affidavit with their marks.]

[In 1844 the veteran was living in Mount Sterling, Gasconade County Missouri.]

[f p 12: On June 19, 1852 in Gasconade County, Missouri, Jane Vandergriff, stated that she was married to Jacob Vandergriff on or about the year 1787 she thinks by one John Brown, JP in Wilkes County North Carolina; that she lived with her husband as his wife until his death on July 13, 1848; that her husband was for many years a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$20 per annum. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]