

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Vansandt R10910

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State of Kentucky County of Fleming: SS

On this 24th day of December A.D. 1855 personally appeared before the Court of Fleming County within and for said County and State and the Presiding Judge of the Court for the said County being a court of record, Margaret Vansandt, a resident of the said County of Fleming and State of Kentucky aged eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision may by the act of Congress passed 29th of July A.D. 1848. That she is the widow of Elisha Vansandt deceased who was a private soldier in the Company of Captain __Hanley in some Regiment of the Virginia line in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. She does not know what Regiment or by whom it was commanded: but she knows that said Elisha Vansandt served under General Green, and was in the Battle of Yorktown at the surrender of Cornwallis – in the fall of the year 1781 – and believes he was also in other battles in the State of Virginia prior to that time.

That said Elisha Vansandt was a substitute for his father Isaih Vansandt [Isaiah Vansandt?], who was drafted, she believes, in Botetourt County and State of Virginia, sometime in the year 1780, and continued in actual service in said war until after said Battle of Yorktown but she does not know how long afterwards. She believes he served for a term of Nine months at least. Said Elisha Vansandt entered the service in said war at said County of Botetourt in the State of Virginia; he at the time being a resident of that County. She is not able to state the names of any other of the officers under whom he served than those above mentioned: nor any more of the particulars than those above set forth.

She further declares that she was married to the said Elisha Vansandt on the 9th day of April A.D. 1788 in Botetourt County in the State of Virginia: That her said husband died in Fleming County in the State of Kentucky on the 30th day of June A.D. 1828, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. She has not applied for a pension earlier because she was not until lately informed that she might have a right to it.

Witness Wm J. Dudley

S/ Margaret Vansandt, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed by said Margaret Vansandt before said court the day and year first above written.

S/ John Alexander

[f p 2: copy of a marriage bond issued to Elisha Vansant and William Hawkins in Botetourt County Virginia April 8, 1778 conditioned on the marriage of Elisha Vansant and Margaret Crawford.]