

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Cornelius Vanausdell (Vanausdall) S15691

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Greenbrier County }

On this 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the County court of Greenbrier it being a court of record now sitting Cornelius Vanausdell Sen'r. a resident of said county and State of Virginia aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service he thinks in the year 1776 under Capt Cornelius Lot and served two weeks on Staten Island Some short time afterwards he again entered the service under Capt Moses Easty and served one month on the River Raritan in the state of New Jersey Some short time afterwards he thinks in the same year he was detailed and served one month under the command of Capt Peter Froam [possibly Peter Dumont Vroom] of Amboy in New Jersey State. Some time after this last months service he was again detailed and served one month under the command of Capt Conrad Deknike [possibly Conrad Ten Eyck] at Elizabeth Town which he thinks is in the State of New Jersey. And afterwards he served one month under Capt David Scomp [possibly David Schamp] at Elizabeth Town. These last Towers were performed in the year 1776 In serving these different towers of duty he thinks he was drafted. That the militia company to which he belonged was laid off in divisions and each one had to perform one month at a time agreeable to his division. That he performed other service while he lived in New Jersey perhaps in all about six or seven weeks as a substitute for others He well recolects of two weeks service as a substitute for John Vanausdell [possibly John Vanasdal, pension application S11611]. And of two weeks for Renar Stauts and two weeks for Abraham Vanfleet. This last service was on the Raritan River in state New Jersey he thinks in the 1777 That during his diferent services he was a resident of Sumursit [sic: Somerset] County New Jersey and while in service was only under Capts & Subaterns [sic: Subalterns] officers and was kept employed at the diferent places above named reconnoitering on the Raritan and other places to guard against the landing of British. That he was in no engagements in these towers but had considerable active service to perform. After having performed these diferent towers of duty in New Jersey he he then removed to State of Virginia to the County of Augusta [sic: Augusta] and after living there for some time He entered the service as a substitute in s'd county of Augusta for one Hugh Botkin [sic: Hugh Bodkin] he thinks in the fall of the year 1780 and was put under the command of Capt John McCoy and was marched to Richmond Va. The time he entered the service was for three months but thinks he lacked some few days in serving out his three months owing to the British having abandoned that part of the country [early Jan 1781] while he served this last tower of duty he was in no engagement That he was in the Regiment commanded by Sampson Mathews. He does not recolect of being under any Gen'l.

Shortly after this last tower of duty was performed he was drafted to serve three months from the county of Augusta in January 1781 and was put under the command of Capt Thomas Hickland [sic: Thomas Hicklin] was marched to the neighbourhood of Portsmouth Virginia and put under the command of Col. Sampson Mathews and he thinks under the command of Gen'l. Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and after having served out his three months tower was discharged in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth on or about the 9th April 1781. That during the summer of 1781 He was detached in the light horse under Capt Peter Hull in Augusta County and was marched to James Town on James River and was at the Battle that took place at James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] and during this last tower he served about twenty days which was the time he was detailed for but he believes he was detained longer

than that time. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person who's testimony he can procure to prove any part of his service except the testimony of Thomas Blake [pension application S6657] & James Gregory [R4292] that he hereby submits . and the testimony of of James Gregory.

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

Cornelius hisXmark Vanausdell

- 1st Where and in what year were you born
Answer I was born in Sumerset County in state New Jersey in the year 1758
- 2^d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it
Answer I have a record of my age at home showing the day & year I was born
- 3^d Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live
Answer I was living in Sumerset County New Jersey when I was called into service. On the Raratan At Amboy. Elizabeth Town &c &c. I was living in Augusta County Virginia when called into service in Va and in the Fall of the year 1781 he moved to Greenbrier County and has continued to reside there ever since
- 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom
Answer. I was called into service as stated in my decleration and under the officers as there stated agreeable to my best recolections
- 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were in the troops where you served, such continental and militia Regiments as you can recolect and the general circumstances of your service
Answer The officers that I served under is named in my decleration and I do not now recolect other regular officers then what is named in my decleration
- 6th Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it
Answer I never rec'd. any discharges that I recolect of and if I did I not know now what has become of them
- 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution
Answer James Ochelber[?] and Thomas Blake with many others of my neighbours can testify as to my varasity and their belief of my service

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State of Virginia } SS
Greenbrier County }

On the 12th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said county and state Cornelius Vanausdell Sen'r a resident of said county and state aged 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that in addition to the declaration made on 26th day of November 1832 before the county court of Greenbrier in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 that he hereby makes this further statement in order to obtain the benefits of the above named act It appearing that the declaration heretofore made is somewhat objectionable to amend the same in that part which states six or seven weeks He states he well recolects of two weeks that he was a substitute for John Vanausdell. Two weeks as a substitute for Riner Stauts And Two weeks as a substitute for Abraham Vanfleat. The other week that is the seventh week he does not recolect and in that he may be mistaken altho he recolects of frequent times being called on with the whole company that he belonged to or sometimes part of it to serve a few days when the Enemy was

reconnoitering the shores and had to serve some times from five to 10 days at a time some times he was serving for himself and at other times for others when part of the company was called out but of these times he is not disposed to take any account of and is satisfied to place it at six weeks. In the three months under Capt McCoy when it is stated he did not quite serve out the three months he is well satisfied it did not lack eight or [illegible word] days of the three months In that part of his declaration where he states he served about twenty days under Capt Peter Hull in the light horse in that he is well satisfied he served the twenty days that he was detached for and he is well satisfied that he was kept in the service this tower at least six days longer than the twenty days. In the other part of his declaration he knows of no other fact that he now recolects of to throw any more light on it

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above
Henry Erskine J.P.

Cornelius hisXmark Vanausdell Sr

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated may pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see my transcription of the application of David W. Sleeth (S6111). Singleton wrote "May be Entitled" on Vanausdell's report.]

Cornelious Vanausdell. Pens[ioner]. Serve 10 mo. & 25 days [illegible word, but probably refers to pension received to date] \$108.30

I the undersigned Cornelious Vanausdell, at the requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following narative of my services as a soldier in the War of the Revolution – and statement of my age to Wit. I was born in New Jersey, on the 3^d. December 1758 and lived in that State until the year 1778 when I settled in augusty county now Pendleton – in the year 1776 or 1777 the same [illegible word] in which the british came to New York and took possession of Long Island [27 Aug 1776]. I was drafted and marched from Summersett County N. Jersey under Capt. Cornelious Lott and stationed at Statten Island [sic: Staten Island], – was in this touer not less than two weeks

I think it was in the same year I was drafted again marched from same county under Capt. Conrad Denike. marched to Elizabeth town, and was attached to Col. Stephen Hunts Regt – in this touer I served one month.

Shortly after the last mentioned touer (I cant now recollect how long) I was drafted again marched from same county under Capt Peter Phume, to Amboy, and was attached to Col. Hords Regt. I served one months in this touer –

After the last preceeding touer (I cant recollect what time intervned, but it was not long) I was drafted again – marched from same county under Capt. David Scomp to Elizabeth town – was in service this touer one month –

I served a touer of one month at Raratan River, under Capt Moses Easty – and before leaveing New Jersey as before stated I served three tours of two weeks each as a substitute – two of these touers was served under Capt. Easty – the other under Capt. Denike – the names of those for whom I substituted are, Rhineir Staats – Jno. Vanausdell & Abraham Vanveet – after the forgoing service had been done I came to Augusty Va as before stated – and in the year 1781 I was drafted marched from Augusty County with several companies under the command of Col. Samuel Matthews. my Captain name was Thomas Hicklin. we went through Staunton, Richmond, thence down the James River to Sandy Point & thence to Pourtsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] and remained in that vecenety until our term of 3 months expired – we left home on this occasion on the 10th Jan'y.

In the same year I went from same county as substitute in the place of Hugh Bodkin under Captain McKay to Richmond and remained in service there under Col. Matthews [three illegible words] days – In witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. Jany 24, 1835

Cornelious hisXmark Vanausdell

Witness W R Woods

A Copy W. G Singleton Jany 29, 1835

NOTE: On 1 June 1841 Vanausdall applied to have his pension transferred to OH, having moved to Mason Township in Lawrence County to live with his son, Minedred W. Vanausdall.